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SOVIET REVEALS BRITAIN'S OFFER

CUT TONGUE AFTER A QUARREL

A Chinese woman, Cheng Hon, residing at No. 77 Tung Choi Street, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries to her tongue. She had cut her tongue with a knife, after a quarrel with her family. She is not in a serious condition.

Britain Brought Up With A Jerk

London, To-day. THE Soviet communique regarding the British proposals caused bewilderment in London last night, says Vernon Bartlett, M.P., the diplomatic correspondent of the "News Chronicle."

Mr. Bartlett points out that Britain has not asked Russia to co-operate in defence of the frontiers of Britain or France.

The Russian communique, he says, must be taken to mean that Russia stands firm by the demand for a general alliance with Britain and France covering the whole of Europe and not merely countries which Britain has guaranteed without consulting Russia.

Mr. Bartlett adds that Britain's counter-proposals are described in London as suggestions or observations, and the door has been left wide open for further discussions. — Reuter.

Last week, there were altogether 89 traffic accidents in the Colony as the result of which 1 person was killed and 48 persons were injured.

Rumours of imminent conclusion of a Soviet-British agreement, circulated yesterday are not regarded as well founded by the majority of newspapers.

Official quarters state that the conversation which the British Ambassador, Sir William Seeds, had with the new Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotoff, was conducted in extremely friendly spirit.

There are, however, no indications that the Soviet has dropped its demand for a 100 per cent., unconditional military alliance with Britain and France.

The papers declare that such a triple alliance may still materialise.

They declare that the British plan for Soviet assistance in the case of anti-aggression action, must first be realised. — Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET OFFICIAL STATEMENT

MOSCOW, TO-DAY. THE CONTENTS OF THE BRITISH PROPOSALS TO THE SOVIET UNION WERE REVEALED YESTERDAY BY THE OFFICIAL SOVIET AGENCY "TASS", WHICH CARRIES A DENIAL OF REUTER'S REPORT CONCERNING THE ALLEGED CONTENT OF THE PROPOSALS.

The "Tass" message reads as follows:

According to a report from London, the Reuter agency announced by radio that the British answer to the proposals of the Soviet Union contained the following principal counterproposals:

- (1) The Soviet Union should guarantee the security of each of her neighbours individually,
- (2) England pledges herself to support the Soviet Union in the event of the latter becoming involved in war as result of executing the aforesaid guarantees.

On basis of information from authoritative Soviet circles, Tass is in a position to declare that the Reuter report is not in conformity with the facts.

The Soviet Government received the counterproposals of the British Government on May 8.

No mention is made therein

London, To-day.

of the Soviet Union guaranteeing each of her neighbours individually. It is proposed on the other hand that the Soviet Government should render immediate assistance to England and France, in the event that they become involved in military action as result of executing the obligations undertaken towards Poland and Rumania.

No mention is made in the British counter-proposals of any support which the Soviet Union is to receive from Britain and France on basis of reciprocity if she were to become involved in military action in executing obligations under-

German Warning To Poland

Berlin, To-day.

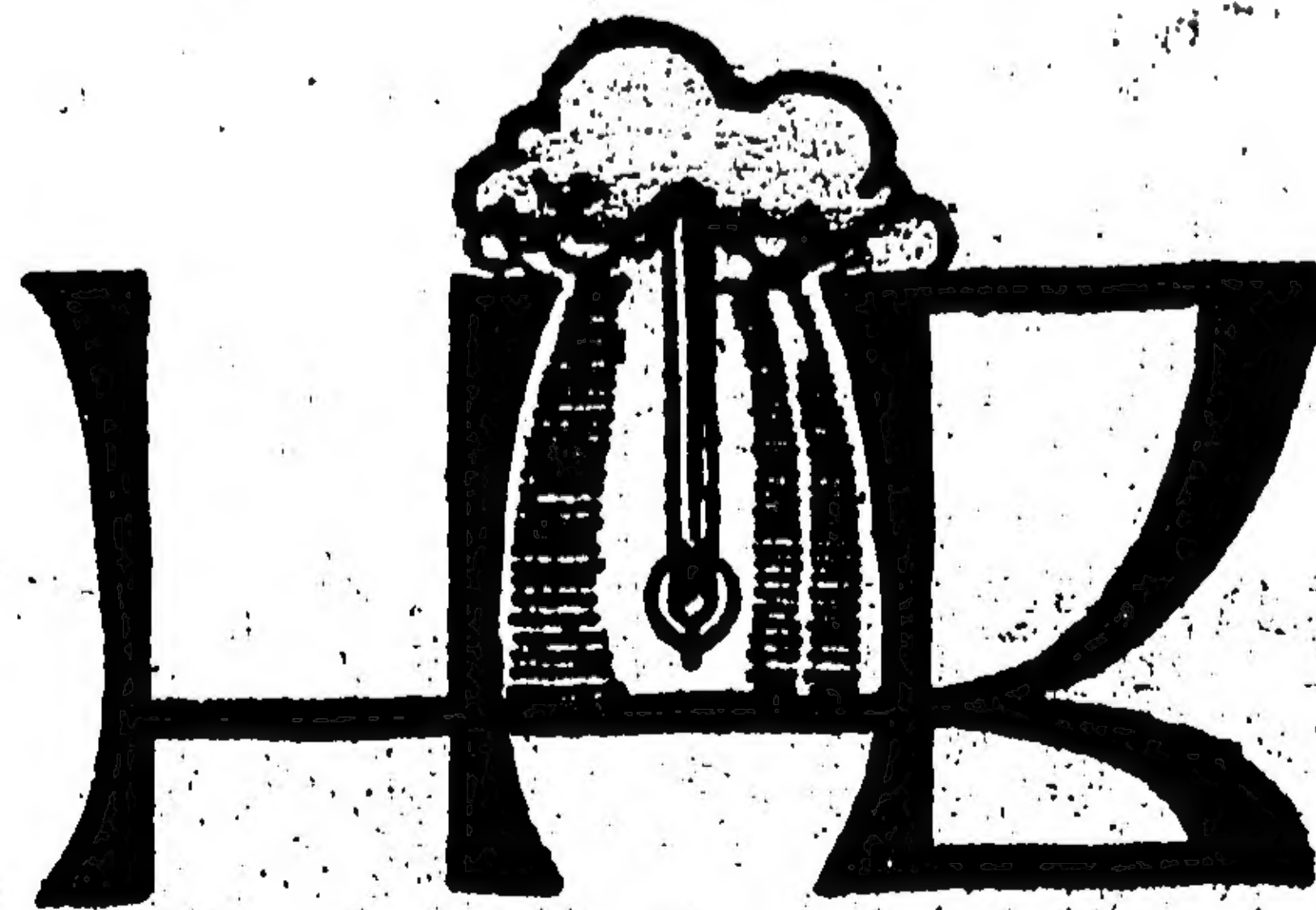
The "Deutsche Diplomatische Korrespondenz" commenting on diplomatic activity says that there is no such word as "intimidation" in the Axis vocabulary.

Warning Poland, the paper says that "the solidarity between the Axis partners now announced publicly will gain significance for those lacking foundation for the estimation of the realities of power politics and who, without having considered the consequences, have allowed themselves to be enticed into a constellation in which they have been allotted a modest for exposed position in the service of foreign interests.

To friends of the Axis, however, it signifies additional security, not only to States destined to exist and work in the same vital sphere as Germany and Italy, but also to friendly States in other vital spheres. — Trans-Ocean.

taken towards one of the other of the States in East Europe. — Trans-Ocean.

HAVE AN H.B.—



— AND THEN TRY!

NAZIS JIBE AT THE ROYAL NAVY

DR. SCHACHT 'NOT A WELCOME VISITOR'

Dr. Schacht, former President of the Reichsbank, has been feted in Bombay with dinners and other functions by the German Trade Commissioner and head of the Nazi organisation.

The "Evening News of India" says that most hospitable India has hardened its heart and shown without hesitation that Dr. Schacht is not a welcome visitor, nor does India believe his story that he is here merely as a tourist.

The number of Germans in Bombay at present is very great, and the paper adds that "it would be regrettable if feeling hardened against them as a result of visitors like this from Germany, for Dr. Schacht's Government has outraged Indian sentiment."

RESIGNS AFTER THREATS

Shanghai, To-day.

The Chief Chinese Detective attached to the French Police Force resigned his post yesterday following several threatening letters received from terrorist organisations.—Our Own Correspondent.

POISON FISH WARNING

The Director of Medical Services warns that a death has recently occurred in Kowloon as the result of eating of a fish known as "Kai Po Yu," which is poisonous in the spawning season.

Mr. R. A. Wickerson, of 8, Braga Circuit, has reported the loss of three handbags containing jewellery to the value of \$93.

"Collection Of Old Tubs"

"The British Navy now is a collection of old tubs. Britain cannot show them off any more."

That is the scornful comment of the German newspaper "Der Angriff," and its tone marks a change of policy in the German Press.

Until recently the favourite topic has been the strength of Germany's enemies. Now emphasis is laid on the might of Germany and Italy and the unpreparedness of the democracies.

Contemptuous criticism of the rearming of Malta appears. "Can it be," asks "Der Angriff," "that the solitary anti-aircraft gun in Malta last year is still without a trained crew?"

Chief aim of the Dictators now is to warn off those small States who might be tempted to join a peace alliance with Britain and France.

"France has cold feet" is the cry and Britain is "untrustworthy, old, selfish and decadent."

The Boersen Zeitung spoke of "hollow demonstrations by the Axis opponents" and referred to a "political-military comedy in London and Paris."

And one astounding Berlin comment is that Britain has "wantonly disturbed the peace."

ITALIANS DEFIANT

The Italian newspapers are defiant. The Turin Gazzetta del Popolo declares that General Franco will keep a million men under arms for a year. Nothing is said of an Italian withdrawal from Spain.

A significant Rome Press comment it:

"The Mediterranean—and a short stretch outside the Straits of Gibraltar—is about to become unsafe for certain hitherto dominant navies."

Signor Gayda has a few words to say about Greece. "It is untrue," he writes, "that the Italian occupation of Albania threatens the safety of Greece." Any proposal to place Greek ports at the disposal of the British Fleet "ill serves Greece."

And he warns the Greeks that such action "would be a new hostile attitude towards Italy."

"DEEDS ARE NECESSARY"

In Moscow the Foreign Office newspaper Journal de Moscou criticises the Anglo-French moves against the dictators.

"One cannot ensure the world against aggressors," it says, "by trying to bar the way at a given point, and leaving them a free hand at others."

"Deeds are necessary, deeds which aggressors would be finally compelled to consider."

American newspapers appeared with a new wave of criticism against Mr. Chamberlain.

The Baltimore Sun says that British policy has "swung back again into the Munich mould . . . the pro-appeasement forces within the Cabinet are in the ascendant."

SEVERE RAIDS ON FUKIEN COAST

Swatow, To-day.

Severe raids were staged by squadrons of Japanese planes yesterday along the Fukien coast. A lone Japanese machine flew over Swatow but no bombs were dropped.

Changchowfu was bombed by nine machines, while some 15 planes visited Chuanchowfu.

Details of the raids are not yet available.—Our Own Correspondent.

WILL OF LATE SIR T. LIPTON

A doubtful codicil in the £1,000,000 will of the late Sir Thomas Lipton is to form the subject of a special Parliamentary bill.

The codicil was discovered after Sir Thomas's death in a drawer at his home in Southgate, Middlesex. It was not prepared by the solicitors who drew up the will and other codicils, and the existence, was unknown even to Sir Thomas's private secretary.

Sir Thomas, who died in 1931, directed that after legacies had been given to certain friends, employees, poor persons and institutions, the residue should be divided among hospitals and institutions in Glasgow, Cambuslang, London and Middlesex, including Southgate.

"The legacies have been handed over long ago," said Mr. H. A. Snelling, one of the trustees. "The doubt arises owing to one codicil, which makes it uncertain whether London and Middlesex should be included among the districts where the hospitals are to benefit. The bulk is undoubtedly going to Glasgow, which has already received more than £250,000."

"We feel, however, knowing Sir Thomas's thoughts and his close association with Southgate, that he wished this area included. The courts say it is not their business, so we are asking Parliament for a ruling."

BARRING ENTRY TO MEDITERRANEAN

Gibraltar is described as "a thorn in the side of Spain" by Col. von Xylander, a German Army officer, writing in the "Boersen Zeitung."

"From the Western Powers," he writes, "Spain has never received her due. Britain's possession of Gibraltar and France's predominant position in Morocco are symbolic of the attitude of these two countries."

"Spain, in alliance with those Powers who act for world peace, can remove that great injustice by barring entry into the Mediterranean of a Power which does not dwell there."

"It lies with Spain herself to decide whether to take a favourable opportunity to renew her old glory."—Reuter.

FIRST AID LECTURES

A course of lectures and demonstrations in First Aid will be given at the Queen Mary Hospital Nurses Training School on Thursday, at 11.15 a. m.

The lecturer is Dr. J. E. Doyey, who will be assisted in the practical work by Mr. A. Steven.

The practical work will start at 11.15, and the lecture at 11.45 a. m.

The course starts on May 18.

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M.P.'s Estimate Of Casualties

Basing his figures on recent bombing statistics, Mr. Oliver Simmonds, M.P., gave estimates to the Air Raid Protection Institute on the probable casualty roll in air raids without A.R.P.

Mr. Simmonds was delivering his presidential address to the Institute at the Royal Society of Arts, Adelphi.

He pointed out that during the last war five persons were killed and 12 injured by each ton of bombs dropped. Taking the reliable figures available on bombing in Spain and China and other factors, it might be assumed that in urban areas of average population density—20,000 per square mile—casualties in future raids would be roughly 10 killed and 20 wounded per ton of bombs.

"Those who know something of the German aircraft industry, and have visited these factories, would support the view that it would not be difficult for Germany in the first few weeks of a war to despatch to this country 3,000 tons of bombs a day," continued Mr. Simmonds.

"As a result of anti-aircraft defence, perhaps one-half of those bombs would fall in open country.

EVACUATION-REMEDY

"Thus, on an effective weight of bombs per day of 1,500 tons, and the average casualties at which we have arrived of 10 persons killed and 20 persons injured per ton of bombs, we reach the daily casualties during the first weeks of war of 15,000 killed and 30,000 wounded."

If the population of the most congested areas were substantially evacuated, and shelter were available on a large scale, Mr. Simmonds added, these figures would assume an entirely different complexion.

Mr. Simmonds said that the German authorities anticipated the possibility of 600 tons of bombs a day on Berlin in the first weeks of war. They further anticipated 50 casualties from each ton of bombs.

On the ratio of one dead to two injured, this suggested 70,000 killed and 140,000 injured in Berlin each week.

H.M.S. REPULSE TURNS FOR HOME

London, To-day.

The battle cruiser Repulse, part of the escort of the liner Empress of Australia on which the King and Queen are travelling to Canada, took leave of the liner in the Atlantic yesterday and turned back for home bringing mail with her.

The cruisers Glasgow and Southampton are continuing to Canada as escorting vessels.—British Wireless.

BLUM'S TALK WITH MR. ATTLEE

London, To-day.

M. Blum yesterday afternoon had a conversation with Mr. Attlee, Leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Greenwood, Deputy Leader, together with several members of the executive of the Parliamentary Labour Party at the House of Commons.—British Wireless.

DISSENSION AMONG ARAB REBELS

London, To-day.

Reports continue to reach interested quarters in London from Damascus which reveal serious dissensions between the Palestine terrorist leaders and the rebel committee there.

Disputes are principally about funds, which the terrorist leaders contend are being employed by members of the committee for their own use.

Certain gang leaders indeed are stated to have decided to attempt to return to Palestine for the purpose of collecting money themselves.

For example, Mohil Zawati, Abdul Razzak's henchman, who is in Trans-Jordan, openly admitted these differences recently, and that while he had no interest in the rebellion as a national movement, he intended to return to collect as much money as possible for himself.

Abdul Khader Husseini is reliably reported to have made demands for money from a number of villages, including Beitunya and Subaher.—British Wireless.

THE KING TO KEEP IN TOUCH

In view of the international situation the Canadian Government has for some time been perfecting arrangements to enable the King to remain in the closest touch with Buckingham Palace and Downing-street during the Royal tour.

From the Royal train it will be possible for the King to speak to London by telephone, securing almost instantaneous connection at any hour.

A further step has now been taken. From the moment the tour starts from Quebec aeroplanes will be set aside for the express purpose of carrying letters from incoming liners to whatever point the King and Queen have reached, and vice versa.

On and after June 1 this service will be supplemented by the Transatlantic air mail from Great Britain to Canada, which will then come into operation. The first letter to be carried on the westbound journey will probably be from Mr. Chamberlain to the King.

FOR THE FATHERLAND

By giving "notice of her intention in writing" any single healthy woman, born before 1910, of Wattenscheid, Germany, will get the town's "support and sympathy" if she has a baby "for the good of the Fatherland."

This has been decided because the town has the lowest birth-rate in Germany and many women cannot find husbands owing to the shortage of men caused by the war.

Each baby will get a savings book worth £25, and have the town as godfather.

NO CHANGE IN SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY

London, To-day.

The change in the Moscow Foreign Office does not signify any revision or alteration in the Soviet Foreign policy, it is officially declared here yesterday, the Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov, having made a statement to this effect to the British Ambassador, Sir William Seeds, during their conference on Monday.

The Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, visited Lord Halifax in the Foreign Office yesterday for a lengthy conference.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY TO GO ON EXPANDING

Hint That Plans Are Unlimited

UNLIMITED PLANS FOR GERMAN EXPANSION SEEM TO BE ADMITTED IN AN ARTICLE IN THE OFFICIAL "VOELKISCHER BEOBACHTER."

"For the young Germany," it states, "there are no formulas into which are compressed our national claim to existence. For us there can be no final balance of power, because we know that this balance changes from year to year under the pressure of the German will to live."

"Forty-seven million Englishmen to-day rule a territory which is 140 times as great as their home country. Forty million Frenchmen rule a territory which is 21 times as great as France. Eight million Dutchmen possess territory 60 times the size of their own country, and 8,000,000 Belgians territory 80 times the size of their State."

"National Socialist Germany is the opinion that the European balance of power will have found a meaning when the German people has at its disposal a territory which bears the same proportion to the German population of 80,000,000 people as the territories disposed of by the English and the French. But not until then!"

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Mr. Braga said:—The feature of the statement of accounts is a credit balance on working of \$27,924.88. The total on the credit side of Profit and Loss A/c, amounting to \$61,345.82, has been substantially reduced by Depreciation. Your Directors consider it a wise policy in the present uncertain conditions to make ample provision under this heading in no fewer than four different items. After charging Depreciation, the profit for the year carried to the Balance Sheet is one of \$6,530.72. Adding to this figure the balance of \$4,034.96 brought forward from the previous year, there stands at credit of Profit and Loss A/c at the end of the year under review a sum of \$10,565.68. This amount, with your approval, the Directors propose to carry forward to the new account for the current financial year.

On the April 13 last year your sanction was obtained for an increase of the Company's Authorised Capital from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000. As issue of 500,000 shares of \$2 each was offered to shareholders for subscription, \$1 per share being payable on acceptance of the offer, 357,305 shares were subscribed and paid for, and the Company's total Paid-up Capital to the end of 1938 has thus been increased to \$1,357,305.

NEW CAPITAL

The additional capital, your Directors felt, was required to meet the Company's urgent needs in the greater expansion of its business, and to pursue further the careful development of your valuable Estate at Kowloon. As regards the broadening of the Company's undertakings, application was made to Government last year for a piece of Crown land within the factory area in Kowloon. The area, comprising 65,130 sq. ft., was acquired by the Company at public auction in October last, the purchase price being \$48,848. Erection of a new workshop, indispensable to our business, has already been commenced and will be vigorously followed up to an early completion.

There has been an addition of eight new houses within the Company's Estate during the past year. Five more have been completed since the beginning of the current year, making a total of thirteen new houses since the last annual meeting. All these houses have been readily tenanted. More buildings are in course of construction, and piling for foundations to others has commenced. Preliminary plans for the development of the valuable area on the large plot fronting Argyle Street for a width of over three hundred feet have been submitted to the Building Authority for approval. The two blocks of apartments which it is proposed to erect on this fine site will provide additional housing facilities in the shape of residential flats of the kind so much sought after. To the design of the new premises and their spacious self contained accommodation much thought has been given with a view to producing the most pleasing results. It is becoming increasingly evident that the amenities of the hub of the residential district of modern Kowloon are assuming aesthetic features which property owners have helped to create and are proud to preserve.

NEW SITE

It is with much pleasure that the Directors have to inform you that after prolonged negotiations with the Government, we have recently acquired the hill between the Diocesan Boys' School and the Company's property. The area comprises about 161,000 sq. ft., and forms a valuable extension to your Estate. The building covenant calls for development within three years at a minimum expenditure of \$80,000. Our technical manager has been at work preparing site formation plans. This development cannot fail to enhance the value of your properties as a whole. Although this acquisition does not relate to the 1938 accounts we have thought it well to keep you informed at the earliest opportunity.

It will be seen from this brief summary that the various improvements

of the several large areas which the Company owns to-day will entail further capital expenditure in the future. Your larger properties at the present time comprise residential as well as industrial lands, none of them fallow ground but all in process of conversion to make of them in due time revenue-earning assets.

As far as figures go, they are all set out in the issued statement of accounts. In my judgment I do not think they invite comment. At the same time, if you desire the statement supplemented I shall have much pleasure in doing so in answer to questions from interested shareholders.

After the adoption of the report and accounts, Messrs. J. Scott Harston and M. H. Lo were re-elected directors, while Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors.

Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., (Managing Director) presided, supported by Messrs. J. Scott Harston, M. H. Lo, Lawrence Kadoorie, T. F. Lo (Directors), Mr. H. Braga (General Works Manager) and Mr. B. Alves (Secretary).

MISTY WEATHER EXPECTED

Humidity reached the high figure of 95 per cent. this morning, with a temperature of 75 degrees. Maximum temperature yesterday was 79 degrees, and minimum last night 73.

The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anticyclone covers the Pacific to the east and south-east of Japan, and a ridge of high pressure extends to south-east China. The northern depression is moving eastward over north Korea. Shallow depressions are situated over the lower Yangtse Valley and Tongking.

Local forecast: east to south-east winds, moderate; cloudy, misty.

TRADE TALKS WITH RUMANIA STILL GOING ON

London, To-day.

Answering questions in the Commons regarding the trade negotiations with Rumania, the President of the Board of Trade said that as the negotiations were still in progress he was not in a position to make a statement, but the matter was being expedited as far as possible and he hoped a statement would be possible in a short time. —British Wireless.

HEAVY LOSS REPORTED

The proprietor of the King's Silk Store, 78, Queen's Road Central, has reported to the police that a foki who was sent out to collect \$1,390 from the Wing Li Company at 6 o'clock last evening, has not returned.

"It might be possible to have a government that might use these powers for their own purposes," stated Mr. J. J. Lawson (Labour, Chester-le-Street) during the House of Commons debate on the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Bill yesterday.

He said if these points were satisfactorily met the Opposition had no objection to passage of the Bill.

Bill.
Mr. Duncan Sandys (Conservative, Norwood) and Colonel H. L. Nathan (Opposition Labour, Wandsworth) supporting the Bill, dwelt on the danger of surprise air attack.

Captain Dewar (Conservative) urged the Secretary for War to consider methods of dealing with an unpatriotic employer who would not employ Territorials and men under 20.

The Bill was passed a second time without division, — Reuter.

Cairo, To-day.
The Egyptian Prime Minister yesterday received Air Marshal Balbo, Governor of Libya, and had half an hour's conversation with him.

It is understood that Marshal Balbo assured the Premier of "Italy's friendship for Egypt."

The Libyan forces, he said, "constituted no menace for Egypt!"—
Reuter.

London, To-day.
The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, leaves London on Saturday for Geneva for the League Council meeting, which opens on May 15.

Lord Halifax will stay in Paris a few hours en route, and will hold talks with the French Premier, M. Daladier, and Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet.—*Reuter*.

Mrs. W. L. Cunningham, of 22, Fort Street, reports that between 2.30 and 4.30 yesterday afternoon a fur coat valued at \$50 was stolen from her roof.



Mr. James Bertram, who is returning to China as a war correspondent for the "Manchester Guardian," arrived in Hong Kong early this morning in the Messageries Maritimes m. v. President Doumer.

Whether he continued with the vessel as a through passenger to Shanghai or not could not be ascertained from the local offices of the company. In accordance with instructions from the head office, the "China Mail" was informed, no information concerning passengers is to be released.

Furthermore, no one with the exception of port officials, members of the company's staff and actual passengers are to be allowed to board any of the French Mail Line's vessels while they are in port.

A representative of the "China Mail" who endeavoured to secure a pass was informed that even the Press came under the ban.

An official of the local M. M. office said that he had no alternative in the matter. The Messageries Maritimes had been ordered by the French Government to make this a firm and inviolable ruling. While it has not been officially admitted, it is believed that the reason for this was the disastrous fire on board the s.s. Paris.

So far, Mr. Bertram has not registered at any of the leading Hong Kong hotels, enquiries by the "China Mail" reveal. It is, therefore, probable that Mr. Bertram has decided to go on to Shanghai.

Mr. Bertram recently published a book entitled "North China Front." A New Zealand Rhodes Scholar, Mr. Bertram is one of the handful of keen reporters who have seen the hostilities from a major vantage point with the Chinese Army. He was, in fact, the first Briton to meet Mao Tse-tung, Commander-in-Chief of the Eighth Route Army, the former Communist Army in Shansi.

The Chief Air Raid Warden has notified the appointment of Mr. H. W. Leyden as Head Warden for Hong Kong and Major C. M. Mannors O.B.E., as Head Warden for Kowloon.

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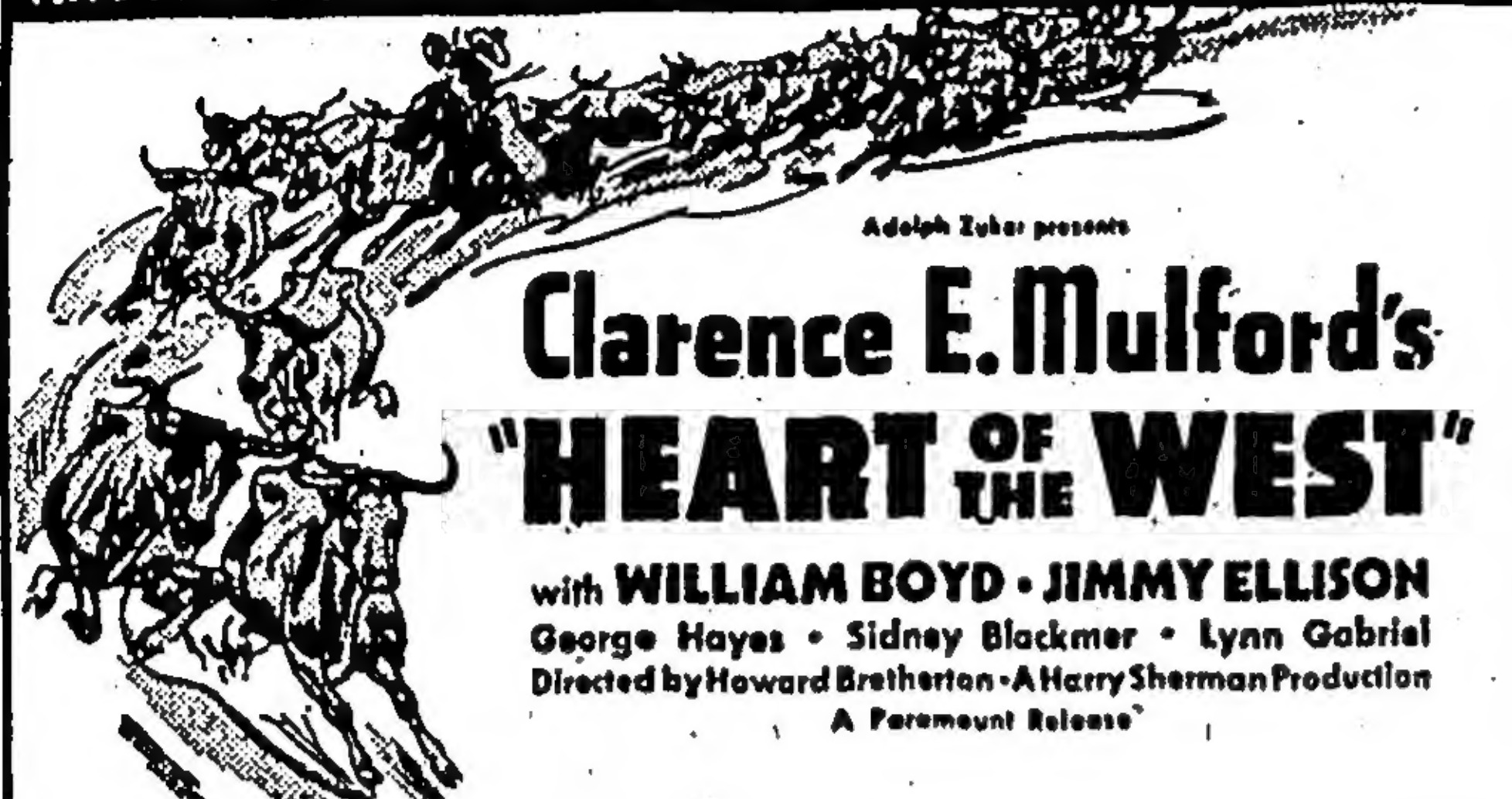
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Scandinavians Fail To Rise To Hitler Bait

Stockholm, To-day.

Failure of the German initiative in the Northern European appears to be indicated by such information as has emerged from the Four-Power Conference here.

Main object of the conference, it is officially declared, as to determine on joint policy, and to decide whether entering into any pact would be incompatible with a policy of strict neutrality.

WEDDING AT ST. TERESA'S

At St. Teresa's Church this afternoon Miss Chrispina Perpetuo became the bride of Mr. J. W. Leonard, the Craigengower Cricket Club lawn bowler.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father. A. Graneeli.

The bride who is the only daughter of Mrs. Perpetuo and the late Mr. Perpetuo, of the General Post Office, was dressed in white silk marquisette inlet with lace. She was attended by Miss T. Gonzales, and given away by Mr. A. Gascon. Mr. T. Leonard, the bridegroom's brother, discharged the duties of best man.

The reception is being held at the Kowloon Hotel after which the bride, dressed in navy blue and white, with white accessories, is leaving with her husband for Cheung Chau where the honeymoon is being spent.

FINCHER-GITTINS WEDDING AT ST. ANDREW'S

TWO WELL-KNOWN HONG KONG FAMILIES WERE UNITED BY THE WEDDING THIS AFTERNOON OF MISS IRENE ELEANOR GITTINS, AND MR. ERNEST FRANCIS FINCHER.

The marriage took place at the St. Andrew's Church, and the bride was attended by Miss Molly Churn and Miss Marjorie Fisher as bridesmaids and Miss Sheila Hall, as flower girl.

The bride who was attired in a gown of white organdie and lace, was given away by her father.

Mr. Liddon Cole was best man. A reception was held at the St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Part of the honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay and the happy couple are leaving for a round the world trip on Friday.

GAOL FOR FALSE PRETENCES

Lam Wan, 23, unlicensed hawk-er, was again before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, charged with obtaining a sum of 50 by false pretences.

Defendant told his victim that he could get him a job at Wellington Barrack.

Defendant was given an oppor-

At the moment, it seems likely that Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland will decline to enter into any contractual relations with Germany.

The conference of the Foreign Ministers of the four northern States opened yesterday morning and was resumed after luncheon.

Although no official information has yet been vouchsafed concerning the negotiations, it appears certain that none of the northern States is inclined to enter into new commitments.

Nevertheless, the peculiar position of Denmark which has a common frontier with Germany, is recognised.

Quarters closely connected with the conference state, that since the strictest neutrality is the common aim of the northern countries, particular attention will be paid to the question whether the non-aggression pact suggested by Germany would permit the northern Governments to keep clear of all European political groups.

In this connection it is stressed that public opinion in the northern countries is absolutely unanimous in refusing to contemplate the possibility of any of them ever taking part in an attack on any nation.

In the same quarters, it is pointed out that, whatever decisions the conference may reach, its meeting will confirm and emphasise the essentially peaceful attitude of the northern countries.—Trans-Ocean.

COURT SEQUEL TO ROBBERY

In connection with an armed robbery, a Chinese female, Liu Ho, 28, was charged at Kowloon to-day with receiving \$171 in Hong Kong currency, three gold necklaces, and seven gold rings, knowing them to be stolen.

Two men, Chiu Tak, 39, and Liu Yuen, 25, were charged with armed robbery in a dwelling at No. 37 Lion Rock Road on Monday, with other men not in custody.

It was alleged that they robbed Li San of \$490 in local currency, \$447 in Chinese currency, and a great deal of jewellery, the total value of which is not known.

Det. Sergt. C. Downman, prosecuting, asked the Magistrate for 8 days' remand in police custody.

tunity to raise money to compensate complainant, but he failed to do so.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed. A sum of \$34.38 found in his possession, was ordered to be paid to the victim.

Det. Sergeant T. Cashman prosecuted.

VATICAN RIDICULES RUMOURS OF POPE'S PEACE INTERVENTION

Vatican City, To-day.

Rumours that the Pope may call a conference to settle the German-Polish dispute, are ridiculed in Vatican circles.

It is stated that Pope Pius XII is interested in the cause of peace but by normal diplomatic contacts.

Therefore the various Papal Nuncios in the last few days have contacted the heads of Governments and Foreign Ministers in order to communicate to them the Pope's ardent wishes and prayers that peace may not be compromised, and that the issues between various countries may be settled pacifically.

It is learned in London that Monsignor Godfrey, the Apostolic Delegate to the United Kingdom, saw the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, at the week-end.

No statement regarding the conversation is forthcoming in London, but it is believed that Monsignor Godfrey raised the question of negotiations in the Polish-German dispute.

It has been reported that the Pope has suggested a conference of various European powers, in the hope of reaching a solution of the Danzig question.

VISITING HITLER?

In Berlin, the reports of alleged invitations to a peace conference by the Pope cannot be confirmed.

The Papal talks with German statesmen, if any are being conducted, are in strict secrecy.

Rumours that the Papal Nuncio is visiting Berchtesgaden are neither confirmed nor denied in Berlin.—Reuter.

Trans-Ocean quotes the "News Chronicle" as saying that the Papal Nuncio, in his interview with Lord Halifax, suggested a conference on Danzig between Germany, Poland, France, Britain and Italy.

The same initiative, says the newspaper, has been taken during the week-end by the Papal envoys of various European capitals.

HALIFAX CONVERSATION

London, To-day.

Reports concerning the alleged peace conference plans of the Vatican were featured in yesterday's evening papers.

The "Evening Standard" reports that the British and French Governments have already begun an exchange of opinion on the advisability of such a conference.

Although this fact is not officially confirmed, it is known that Lord Halifax held a long conference with the French Ambassador, M. Charles Corbin, yesterday afternoon.—Trans-Ocean.

"NOT RIPE FOR DISCUSSION"

Berlin, To-day.

Although the German press fails to mention either the reports of

A.R.P. DAYS INTRODUCED IN BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

The introduction of "airraid precaution days" in Berlin is announced in a decree published yesterday by the Chief of the Berlin police. Thursday has been set aside for this work and on six Thursday evenings in the course of a year the Berlin population is required to attend instructions by the representatives of the airraid precaution league. For this purpose the inhabitants of each house or section have been organised into groups in which each person will have a special task assigned. The groups will be under the direction of officials who have received a special training in airraid precaution school. It is expected that through this general instruction the municipal population will be rendered much more capable of self-protection in the event of an airraid.—Trans-Ocean.

the Vatican effort at peace mediation or whether the German Government will reply to the Polish memorandum, an article in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" indicates that Germany would not be inclined to regard certain problems as ripe for discussions.

The paper refers particularly to a statement made in the House of Commons by the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Butler, to the effect that the British Government would be willing to place its services at disposal should an action of mediation be desired in the Danzig question. It is declared in the article that this is merely a similar attempt to that made last year when Lord Runciman was sent to Czechoslovakia as an honourable mediator.—Trans-Ocean.

TIME-TABLE FOR CONSCRIPTION BILLS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE GOVERNMENT HAVE DECIDED THAT IN ORDER TO ENSURE PASSAGE OF THE COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING BILL AND THE RESERVE AND AUXILIARY FORCES BILL INTO LAW BEFORE THE WHIT SUNDAY RECESS, THEY MUST ASK THE COMMONS TO PASS A TIMETABLE MOTION FOR THE COMMITTEE AND REMAINING STAGES OF BOTH BILLS.

Four days will be allotted for the committee stage of the Compulsory Military Training Bill—namely, Thursday and Friday of this week and Monday and Tuesday of next week—and the report stage and third reading will be taken to-day week.

This will involve the Government taking private members time on Friday, but the Premier, in making the announcement, expressed the view that it would permit of full and fair discussion of the measure the far reaching importance of which is admitted on both sides of the House.—British Wireless.

CLAIM FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT

EX-PARTE PROCEEDINGS BY MESSRS. MACEY AND COMPANY AGAINST THE SUM KEE FIRM WERE INSTITUTED AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR.

Messrs. Macey and Company, represented by Mr. T. F. Lo who was instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan, claimed \$2,279.42, being damages resulting from an alleged breach of contract.

Defendant firm was alleged to have failed to take delivery and pay for 24 tons of M. C. Cap paper.

Mr. Lo stated that one of the terms of the contract was that plaintiff had the option of re-selling the paper should defendant not claim and take delivery within 60 days. Defendant was also, according to the terms, liable for loss and expenses incurred by plaintiff firm in reselling the goods.

IGNORED NOTICES

The paper arrived in two shipments. Defendant firm was informed

RUSHING THEM THROUGH

London, To-day.
The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Military Training Bill and the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Bill would become law before Whitsun.—Reuter.

HITLER ANXIOUSLY STUDYING .AXIS ALLIANCE ECHO

Berlin, To-day.

The Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, arrived in Munich yesterday and spent most of the afternoon telling Hitler about his talks with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

Hitler was consulted at least once in a lengthy telephone call during the actual Italo-German negotiations, but still had much to discuss with Herr von Ribbentrop, particularly foreign reaction to the proposed military alliance.

Despatches from German Ambassadors and Ministers abroad, particularly those accredited to the Anti-Comintern allies, are being eagerly studied.—Reuter.

BRITISH MILITARY MISSION

London, To-day.

The British military mission headed by Lieutenant-General Sir John Dill, which is at present in France, yesterday began inspection of the northern section of the Maginot Line, in the company of the French Chief of Staff, General Gamelin, and other French Staff officers.

The British and French officers will be able to continue the exchanges which took place when the Chief of Imperial General Staff, Lord Gort, visited France.—British Wireless.

ed, but they ignored all notices. Plaintiff resold the paper on January 29, 1939. The goods arrived in the Colony on August 24 and September 18, 1938.

Mr. Lo pointed out that ex-parte proceedings were decided upon owing to defendant completely ignoring all correspondence addressed to them.

After Mr. Bock Jay-Eng, chief manager of plaintiff firm, had testified, the Chief Justice remarked that he would require evidence of the price of the goods at the time when plaintiff firm was entitled to re-sell the paper and the price the time when the goods were sold.

The case was then adjourned to May 12.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



TIFFIN, MY BOY, TIFFIN

"Lovely smell of cooking in the club this morning. Scrambled eggs, cutlets, and that excellent curry the secretary introduced from Penang. Makes a feller's mouth water. I've half a mind to go through the lot."

"Can't you talk of anything except food? I doubt if I shall ever eat again."

"Fairly dripping with sweetness and light this morning, aren't you? Advanced case of hangover, I'll bet a couple of chips. Some of you young fellers haven't enough sense to come in out of the rain."

"That's right. Murderer, you hypocrite. I suppose you never woke up with a head or a tongue like a strip of ancient gunny bag."

"On the contrary, I have in the past cultivated some of the finest hangovers of all time. But that was back in the bad old days before I'd heard of Rose's Lime Juice."

"What on earth has Rose's got to do with hangovers?"

"Everything, my dear Watson. It wipes them out. If you stick to Glimlets or have a good stiff swig before going to bed, you'll have no regrets in the morning."

"Rose's Lime Juice you said?"

"Yes, Rose's."

"Lend me a pencil, and I'll write it down."

THE DAILY SHORT STORY

GET YOUR MAN!

Corporal Joe Crichton of the Northwest Mounted police furrowed a narrow channel through the frost on the window of his cabin with his finger-nail and squinted out at the thermometer. Thirty-five below! Corporal Crichton shivered involuntarily and went back to the stove. He opened the door, heaved in a couple of chunks of green wood, then eased down in the chair before the glowing grate.

It was good to be indoors on a night like this, good to think you were going to be warm and comfortable until tomorrow, and that even then nothing except routine duties would demand attention. Things had been quiet in the Frozen Creek country.

Corporal Crichton roused himself from a doze. Someone had knocked. "Come in!" he called. "Shut the door!"

His visitor's face was scarcely visible beneath its swathing of mufflers and parka hood. Hoar frost framed his face like lace on a woman's dress. He came quickly to the stove, pulling off his mittens, unwinding his parka. He held his hands to the heat.

"Lew Chester's been murdered, or

reached their destination by noon of the next day. They had stopped only three times to boil tea and rest.

The cabin which Lew Chester and Paynter had occupied was cold. Chester lay on a bunk, covered with a blanket. Chinook Baker made a fire, while Crichton put some soup on to heat and coffee to boil.

Doc Casper threw off his outer clothes and warmed his hands over the fire. When his fingers were flexible he moved over to the bunk and began his examination.

After about fifteen minutes he returned to the stove.

"How about it, Doc? Was he frozen too much to tell?"

Doc Casper shook his head. "No, I figure he died early yesterday morning, possibly around 6 o'clock."

"See!" declared Chinook Baker. "That checks with my story." He regarded Crichton with a half sneer on his lips.

"Yes," Crichton said slowly, "that checks with your story, Chinook. Well, let's get this soup into us and start back." For the next fifteen minutes

By Stanley Cordell

he's committed suicide. He's lyin' in his cabin up on Beaver Rapids. I got there five minutes after it happened!"

Inwardly Corporal Crichton groaned, but his face remained grave and impassive. "You're Chinook Baker, aren't you? You came in last fall. You're running a trapline up above the Rapids."

"That's right, Corporal. I got lonesome and come down to see Chester and Slim Paynter. Reckon I was a little too late."

"Where was Paynter?"

Chinook Baker shrugged. He looked at Crichton steadily. "Paynter wasn't there. He was gone an' all the furs was gone."

Crichton began pulling on his shoe pacs. Already he had ceased thinking about the horrors of the journey that lay ahead. He was thinking, instead, of Lew Chester and Slim Paynter. They had gone in as partners. Folks shook their heads. They were too much alike. They'd never get along, living alone together all winter. Pierre Rousseau, a trapper, had stopped in on them only a fortnight ago and reported that the pair were quarrelling.

"You ain't going to start out to-night are you?" Chinook Baker asked.

"Don't be a fool! It's forty below!"

"Which makes it all the more necessary that I start to-night. Frozen corpses sometimes destroy important clues." Crichton pulled on his parka. "Stay here and warm yourself. Make a pot of tea. I'm going to get Doc Casper. Pick you up in thirty minutes."

"Pick me up?" Chinook Baker's eyes gleamed savagely. "Hell, man! Yoh ain't gonna get me out again to-night!" "You be ready in thirty minutes," Corporal Crichton said quietly, and went out. He crossed directly to Doc Casper's cabin, briefly gave orders, then went out and assumed a position from where he could watch his own cabin. Fifteen minutes passed, but Chinook Baker didn't appear. This was puzzling. The officer had expected the trapper to act otherwise.

Presently Doc Casper appeared. The two made their way to Crichton's cabin. To the officer's surprise, Baker was waiting and ready to go.

It was twenty-five miles from Frozen Creek to Beaver Rapids. Corporal Crichton and his two companions

none of the trio spoke. Then Crichton pushed his plate away, reached for a cigarette—and brought out his service pistol.

"Chinook Baker, I arrest you for the murder of Lew Chester. Anything you say will be used against you."

Chinook's jaw went slack. He stared for a moment in sheer astonishment. When he spoke his voice was calm, controlled. "You're talking out of order, Mountie, Slim Paynter shot Chester. Everyone knows they was fightin'. He's your man."

"No, Chinook, you're my man. Everyone knew Lew and Slim didn't get along. You knew it. You knew they had a fight and Slim took his share of furs and lit out. You figured he'd gone down stream a ways, maybe, to finish the winter out by himself. You saw a good chance to knock off Chester and let Slim take the rap for it while you got Chester's furs. What you didn't figure on, Chinook, was the possibility of Slim coming down to the settlement, getting drunk, starting a brawl and being thrown into jail, where he is right this minute!"

Chinook's eyes flickered. "Which don't prove that I killed Chester."

"No, but it's good start. Besides, I've got something better. I brought Doc Casper up here just to ascertain the time of death. It checked with your story all right. You said you arrived five minutes after it happened. Well, look, Chinook, how did you know when it happened?"

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Solution Of Mexican Oil Dispute Within Reach

SETTLEMENT TO GIVE BACK FOREIGN RIGHTS

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Donald Richberg, the American lawyer who is negotiating with the Mexican President on behalf of several oil companies, told the press yesterday that agreement in the Mexican oil dispute was "within reach."

General lines of the settlement, applying to the British and Dutch oil companies as well as the American, which have been tentatively reached, include,

PRINCE PAUL LEAVES FOR ROME VISIT

Milan, To-day.

The Prince Regent Paul of Yugoslavia, who left Belgrade yesterday evening, accompanied by his wife, Princess Olga and an entourage headed by the Foreign Minister, M. Markovitch, reached the Italian frontier at Adelsberg yesterday morning, where he was welcomed by the Duke of Genoa.

The Prince-Regent and his party will spend three days in Italy.

The programme of the festivities arranged in their honour includes a big naval review in the Bay of Genoa.

The Yugoslav Foreign Minister will confer with the Duce and Count Ciano on the international situation as affected by the conclusion of the Italo-German military pact. — Trans-Ocean.

GAFENCU TO MAKE ANOTHER ROUND TRIP

Belegrade, To-day.

The Rumanian Foreign Minister M. Gafencu, who will visit the Turkish capital in the second half of June, is reported by the Bucharest correspondent of the "Politica" to have the intention of visiting Athens and Sofia with the object of forming an economic Balkan pact. He hopes to get Bulgaria to join this pact. — Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE DENY JAP. ACCUSATION

London, To-day.

The Chinese Embassy in London has issued a denial of the Japanese allegations that Chinese anti-aircraft batteries were established near the British, French and German Consulates at Chungking. — Reuter.

The P. and O. steamer Carthage is due in Hong Kong from Shanghai at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Firstly, a long-term contract, possibly for 50 years, under which the oil companies would operate their Mexican properties with the participation of the Mexican Government.

Secondly, definite arrangements for adequate payment of employees and revenues to the Mexican Government.

Thirdly, a fair return to the companies for the sale of oil.

RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS

Fourthly, on termination of the contract the properties would revert to the Mexican Government, and

Fifthly, the companies to continue development of oil lands in Mexico.

Mr. Richberg added that crux of the discussions was the resumption of operations, and the question of what would be the conditions for such resumption. — Reuter.

FRENCH EXPLORER SERIOUSLY ILL IN GREENLAND

Oslo, To-day.

A wireless message from the French expedition to Greenland led by Count Gaston de Micard was received here yesterday stating that Micard is seriously ill and is asking for immediate help.

The expedition's headquarters are said to be in the north-east of Greenland at 77 degrees latitude. Since it is impossible to send a ship to that region owing to the ice, the only chance of aiding the expedition would be by the despatch of a plane and the Norwegian authorities are now considering this possibility. — Trans-Ocean.

LORD RUNCIMAN HOME AGAIN

London, To-day.

The Lord President of the Council, Lord Runciman, who has been absent from London since February on a sea voyage which he took on doctors advice following an attack of influenza, is expected to resume his duties on Saturday.

Lord and Lady Runciman went to Australia and then to Canada, whence they are returning to England. — British Wireless.

PRINCE PAUL FOR BERLIN ALSO

Berlin, To-day.

It is reported that the Regent of Yugo-Slavia, Prince Paul, will pay a visit to Berlin in the next few weeks.

It is thought his visit will follow his trip to Italy. — Trans-Ocean.

"BORROWED" FRIEND'S WATCH

After pawning his friend's watch, Kwok Sau, 22, bought a pair of shoes and a new suit of clothes with the \$7 he got from the pawnbroker. This morning, he was fined \$20, with the option of a month's imprisonment, by Mr. E. Hims-worth.

In Court, Kwok Sau said he needed money to return to his native village; he "borrowed" his friend's watch and had every intention of redeeming it later.

The police told the Court that on Tuesday Kwok Sau was permitted to sleep on board a junk belonging to a friend. He left the junk at 3 p.m. on May 9 and on his departure, complainant found a gold watch and ring missing. Defendant was arrested in the street, with the ring on his finger, wearing a new suit of clothes and with \$2.70 and a pawn-ticket in his pocket.

The \$2.70 was ordered to be paid to the complainant as compensation; the watch and ring were returned; and Kwok Sau was fined \$20, with the alternative prison term.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed on Tso Man-kwok, 20, by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, for stealing a watch.

MR. CHURCHILL ON REARMING

Mr. Winston Churchill, addressing a meeting of his constituents at Chigwell, Essex, welcomed the steps taken by the Government to speed up rearmament, but said that the danger was by no means over.

The estimates for the coming year, he said, showed for the first time a really effective stride forward in the rising trend of Britain. For the first time we should be spending upon our Air Force about the same as Germany had spent year by year for the last four years.

There were signs of improvement in air raid precautions. He had much to say in criticism on the existing state of things, and would look for an opportunity in the House of Commons in the near future.

HEAVY PRICE OF PEACE

In the sphere of foreign policy he also found much to approve in the Government's attitude. He welcomed "the increasingly firm language" used by Lord Halifax.

The newspapers contained almost daily reports from many capitals in Europe showing how heartily they welcomed what was called "the new spirit" in Britain.

"But I must make it clear that the danger is by no means over," he continued. No one would pretend that our Air Force was half as strong as that of Germany.

The momentous declaration made by the Secretary for War, that we must prepare 19 divisions for overseas action, only showed how heavy had been the price paid for peace at Munich.

Mr. Churchill discounted any idea that there was a quarrel between Mr. Chamberlain and himself.

"ENEMIES" OF ENGLAND

"Nothing of the sort," he said. "My quarrel is not with Mr. Chamberlain, but with the enemies of England and those who menace peace and the safety of the world, darken freedom and shut out mercy from mankind."

"I have no quarrel with the leader of the Conservative party. I seconded his nomination to that post, and I have the greatest respect for his qualities of character and of intellect. I marvel at the immense contribution of personal energy which he makes."

"That does not mean that I remain incapable of forming my own views in these great matters of defence and foreign policy, in which I have as long experience as almost any living man."

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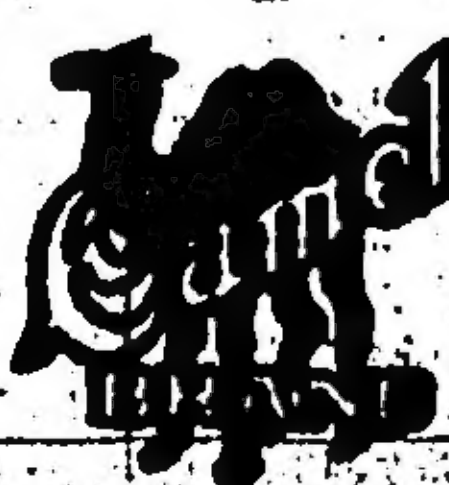


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VALUE OF BOMBING

"The most terrible air attack of any war" is how the "News Chronicle" describes the recent Japanese air-raids on Chungking. This is no exaggeration; even the bombings of Barcelona and Madrid by General Franco's totalitarian allies did not approach the recent Japanese demonstration of inhuman frightfulness.

While the Military Mind may see some value in such activity, to the Layman little seems to be achieved beyond the infliction of death on hapless civilians in one of its most terrible forms. Both Spain and China have demonstrated that save for a temporary localised panic the morale of the people is not shattered and in subsequent bombings it actually stiffens; as Joad puts it, the bombing merely provides "the fires of war with the fuel of indignation and desire for revenge."

Early in the present hostilities, China set the world a splendid, civilised example when her planes flew over Kyushu and dropped pamphlets over a wide area. These leaflets explained the nature of the war and urged the people of Japan to call a halt to it; most of the pamphlets were confiscated but many got through to those to whom they were addressed.

It is only this form of bombing, and this alone, that can be at all effective. There is no justification for the bombing of cities far behind the lines. For some reason, no subsequent similar raids were carried out. Possibly it was considered that a flight on which no obvious material damage was inflicted, on the enemy did not justify the putting of valuable aircraft into acute danger.

This may or may not be true; there is room for ample argument. But if a growing, though strongly suppressed, discontent with war is now making itself evident in Japan, the frequent appearance of Chinese planes over the major Japanese cities, dropping nothing more dangerous than propaganda leaflets (including, possibly, photographs of the slaughter at Chungking), might crystallize that discontent into something more practical from a peace point of view.

If that were achieved, even if only on a small scale at first, it would be more than a mere military gain. It would be propaganda of the most useful and praiseworthy sort. The time is now

ripe for consideration of some such scheme. It would meet with the wide support and approval of the peoples of the world and might prove a decisive factor in bringing to a speedy end a war which even the most optimistic of Japanese generals now think may well last another decade or more.

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Munich's Hymn of Hate

In their current anti-British campaign the Nazis are reviving old war-time hatreds and such slogans as "Gott strafe England!" Are they likely to revive the most celebrated anti-British ballad ever composed—the notorious "Hymn of Hate," written just twenty-five years ago? Perhaps not, because its composer, Ernst Lissauer, was of Jewish extraction. He died quite recently, and was said to have greatly regretted the song that became so widely known.

His "Hymn of Hate Against England" ("Hassgesang gegen England") was first published—appropriately enough, as it now seems—at Munich in 1914, and at once swept over the Kaiser's Germany. It was sung, declaimed, and recited everywhere—in theatres, streets, and houses—and was included in school song-books. The composer, a private in the army, was decorated with the Iron Cross.

It sizzled with hatred for this country—"the perfidious Power which stands by the grey flood, full of envy, full of rage, full of craft, full of guile"—and declared that Germany had but one single foe—England. Its famous refrain thundered—

We have all but a single hate.
We love as one—we hate as one.
We have one foe and one alone—England!

No doubt it would come in very handy with some Germans at present—but for those unfortunate non-Aryan associations.

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"Mein Kampf" in Eccles

The members of the Eccles Library Committee appear to have been given a somewhat grim holiday task for while the town council has approved the purchase of a copy of the "unexpurgated" translation of Herr Hitler's "Mein Kampf" it has been laid upon members of the Library Committee to read the book and decide whether it is fit for issue to the general public. It is just possible that the word "unexpurgated" may have conveyed a slightly wrong impression, but apart from that it might be interesting to know what considerations the members of the council are to keep in mind in coming to a decision. Is there any fear, for instance, that any youthful members of the Eccles community who may read the book may be infected with "power politics" and become converts to Nazism? Is there any fear that some may take the book even more seriously than the experts who have studied it and fall into a state of panic?

As we know, the "Index" in Germany is extensive and peculiar both in regard to daily papers and to political studies, but it has not been thought necessary at present to confiscate the "Angriff" in England, and the attitude to "Mein Kampf" has not differed much from that of Frederick of Prussia to Voltaire's terrible libel on him. "You need not push it," he said to a bookseller who inquired his wishes; "but sell it by all means; I hope it will pay you well."

TRAINING FOR ARMY RESERVISTS

M. BLUM TO MEET TORY M.P.'S

London, To-day. M. Leon Blum, the French Labour leader, who arrived in London yesterday for discussions with British Labour leaders on the conscription issue, is expected to stay in London for five days. In addition to Mr. C. R. Attlee and Sir Archibald Sinclair, and British Trade Union leaders, M. Blum will possibly meet Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Winston Churchill.—Trans-Ocean.

Cordial Soviet Pact Talks

London, To-day. IT is learned that the conversations between the British Ambassador, Sir William Seeds, and the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov, were very cordial.

M. Molotov wants time to consider the terms of the British proposals.

There is no reason to suppose that the main line of Russian foreign policy has undergone any alteration. — Reuter.

HOPEFUL ATTITUDE

London, To-day. The British press shows optimism with regard to the Anglo-Soviet discussions.

The "Daily Telegraph" reports that the British Ambassador in Moscow had conversations with M. Molotov, the Foreign Commissar, which, although no definite results have been reached, justified a hopeful attitude.

The Soviet decision to send a new Ambassador to Warsaw, a post which had not been filled for two years, and to send a Minister to Bucharest, is taken as proof that the Soviet by no means intends to cold-shoulder collective security. — Trans-Ocean.

S.O.S. FROM BRITISH SHIP IN SULU SEA

Manila, To-day. The British freighter "Linderbank" has radioed that she is sinking, and is asking for immediate assistance.

The message adds that the freighter struck a reef on Arena Island in the Sulu Sea, 250 miles south of Manila. — Reuter.

Conditions Of Enduring Tension

--HORE-BELISHA

London, To-day.

"We live in conditions of enduring tension," declared Mr. Leslie Hore Belisha, the Secretary for War, moving the second reading of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Bill in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Hore-Belisha first detailed the present lengthy process of mobilisation, and then went on:

"Hostilities to-day are undertaken without notice, and most armies in Europe are now kept in varying stages of mobilisation.

"We alone are bound by procedure which assures the maximum publicity for our defensive preparations, and which by its solemn terminology — 'imminent national danger' and 'great emergency' — is calculated to be misunderstood abroad and to arouse disquiet at home.

"The Bill will remove these disadvantages."

Mr. Hore-Belisha said that reservists hitherto had not been called up for the annual 12 days' training for which they were liable, and many were unversed in handling modern weapons.

RESERVIST TRAINING

It was now proposed to call up in batches at convenient dates a large proportion of the Regular Reserves for a period not exceeding three months, as far as could be foreseen.

This would enable the Regular Army to train at war strength, and would put it in a position, if necessary, to take the field at short notice. It would also enable the training of militia.

The personnel of the auxiliary army anti-aircraft units would be called up in the Summer in rotation, so that no individual would be in service more than a month.

They would be at war stations.

NAVAL PROPOSALS

The Admiralty proposed to call out 3,800 men of Class "D" of the Royal Fleet Reserve in two batches for service not exceeding three months for each batch.

Some 1,500 recent pensioners would be similarly called out, and

MOLOTOV ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Moscow, To-day. The newly-appointed Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov, is expected to make his first speech on the foreign political situation at the end of May before the third plenary meeting of the Supreme Council of the Soviet. — Trans-Ocean.

When The Hour Strikes

Rome, To-day.

SPEAKING from the balcony of the Palazzo Venezia after yesterday's army parade Mussolini declared:

"The strength of our arms is undoubtedly great, but greater still is the determination of our hearts, and when the hour strikes we shall prove it." — Reuter.

a number of retired officers would be required for six months service.

A certain proportion of the Auxiliary Air Force would be called up similarly to anti-aircraft units.

It was intended to start calling out persons affected about a month after the Bill is passed. — Reuter.

WEST POINT TAXI-DANCER STRIKE

SOME 50 Chinese taxi-dancers went on "strike" on Monday night at the Grand Cabaret in the Kwong-chow Hotel, West Point.

Friction over earnings between the manager and the dancing girls is said to have been the cause of the trouble.

The girls, on Monday night, refused to go home and spent the night in the dance-hall. They slept on the floor, on tables and chairs.

Yesterday, however, the management of the Cabaret was taken over by a foreigner and the girls returned to their dancing last night.

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PRESIDENT'S BID TO END COAL STRIKE

Washington, To-day.

The conference at the White House between coal operators and miners has ended.

The conference was called by President Roosevelt in an endeavour to end the widespread coal strike.

First statement issued after the meeting was by Mr. John Lewis to the effect that the negotiators are meeting again to-day in New York.

Later President Roosevelt told his daily press conference that he asked the representatives of the coal owners and miners to agree on a plan by Wednesday night under which the mining industry would resume immediately. — Reuter.

GOERING BOUND FOR SPAIN

Rome, To-day.

Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, the Nazi Air Minister, left San Remo yesterday by sea for Valencia. It is stated he is en route to Hamburg.

The steamer on which he is travelling is accompanied by two German destroyers. — Trans-Ocean.

BATTLESHIPS LEAVE BREST

Paris, To-day.

The British battleships Royal Sovereign and Royal Oak left Brest yesterday morning after a stay of several days in the French naval port.

The presence of the British warships in Brest led to many demonstrations of Anglo-French friendship. — Trans-Ocean.

PAPERS BANNED

Budapest, To-day.

A number of Slovak newspapers, including the official organ, have been banned in Hungary. — Trans-Ocean.

GOVERNMENT STUDY NOT COMPLETED

London, To-day.

The Government has not yet completed consideration of the Report of the Imperial Shipping Committee on British shipping in the Orient.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, announced this in the House of Commons yesterday in reply to a question from Mr. Ben Smith (Labour, Rotherhithe).

Steps were being taken, added Mr. Stanley, to ascertain the views of the Governments in other parts of the British Commonwealth.

Mr. Ben Smith said the Report had been in the hands of the Minister a good many months now, and a month ago Mr. Stanley promised he would look seriously into the matter.

Was it not a fact that the Japanese were taking trade from this country through their intercourse with the Dominions, he asked.

Would the Minister expedite the Report and also get into communication with the Dominions, as recommended by the Committee?

REASON FOR DELAY

Mr. Stanley replied that they were getting into communication with the Dominions.

Reason for the delay was due to the fact that they had been considering proposals of their own to assist liner services.

They were waiting to see how those proposals fitted in with the Report. — Reuter.

ONLY TOO GLAD WHEN

London, To-day.

Asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether in view of the declaration by Hitler that he desires the peaceful evolution of the European tension, the Government proposed to resume the Anglo-German trade discussions, the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Stanley, replied that when the tension abated he would be only too glad to see the discussions renewed with a view to improving Anglo-German trade relations. — Reuter.

SALVAGE OF HISTORIC BRIG TO BE TRIED

Paris, To-day.

The French salvage company "Opera" will, the newspapers announce, shortly make the attempt to salvage the wreck of the French brig "Telemaque" which sank in the Seine estuary off Quillebauf in the year 1789, at the time of the French revolution, during a stormflood.

A copy of the ship's manifest which still exists shows that the cargo of the "Telemaque" included a large number of gold and silver bars and other valuables amongst them a necklace which belonged to Queen Marie Antoinette. — Trans-Ocean.

HUGE GERMAN BARTER DEAL WITH CHINA?

New York, To-day.

A Sino-German barter deal, involving an exchange of commodities to the value of \$10,000,000 a month, has been reported to the Department of Commerce from Shanghai. — Reuter.

CHINESE ATTACK ANHWEI

Ningkuo, To-day.

Chuantsiao, west of Pukow, has been recovered by Chinese forces.

The Chinese dispersed the Japanese garrison following street fighting.

The Chinese units which broke into Anking, have now retired owing to the arrival of large Japanese reinforcements. The opposing forces now face

FRENCH MINISTERS MEETING

Paris, To-day.

The Council of Ministers is meeting to-morrow (Thursday) morning under the presidency of the President, M. Albert Lebrun. — Reuter.

MAN WHO PREYED ON WOMEN'S SPECTACLES!

Munich, To-day.

Great public interest is at present being taken in the acts of a strange kind of law-breaker whose sole misdeed has consisted in tearing spectacles from the faces of women in the streets and destroying the glasses either by trampling them under foot or laying them on tramway lines.

For many months the police in Munich tried in vain to arrest the culprit but as the man always made these attacks at night and always in different parts of the city, and as he did not molest any person for weeks, his identity remained a mystery.

The Munich police, however, made widespread plans and at the same time through the press warned women against allowing strange men to accompany them on their way as the mysterious lawbreaker was accustomed to do.

BOASTS OF NUMBER

Finally the police succeeded in catching the culprit who turned out to be about 40 years of age and in regular and remunerative employment and who appears never in his life to have stolen anything but spectacles belonging to women. He admitted his guilt without apparent shame boasting of the great number of spectacles he had taken from women and girls and declaring that he had wanted to do nothing else than to destroy the stolen articles.

The court has ordered a medical examination of the culprit in order to arrive at a solution of this strange criminal - psychological enigma. — Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE RAIDS ON FOOCHOW

Foochow, To-day.

Heavy property damage was caused by Japanese planes in two severe air raids on Foochow on Monday.

Hundreds of houses in the busy sections of the city were destroyed. — Central News.

each other in the villages outside the west gate. — Central News.

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Five men and a sixteen-year-old Naval Cadet were drowned when the Cullercoats motor-lifeboat, the "Richard Silver Oliver", overturned in heavy seas off Long Sands, Tynemouth. Time after time these hardy Northumberland lifeboat men have robbed the sea of its victims—but this time it was not even a rescue trip, but a practice outing—tragic irony. Here is a recent photograph of the Cullercoats lifeboat crew at the annual launch.

TUBES AS SHELTERS

Sir Ralph Glyn (Cons., Abingdon), said he thought the London Transport Board would evolve a good scheme soon for the use of the Tubes as shelters.

He had been surprised to find that London people were to be evacuated to an area in which there were twenty-eight factories. That area would be a vulnerable target for action to prevent the making of armaments.

Mr. Elliot, replying to the debate, said the Government were making a new survey of billeting areas to ensure that they would not be situated in places where essential factories would have to be carried on.

"We are turning out Anderson shelters at a rate giving new shelters to 200,000 people a week," said Mr. Elliot.

"The billeting returns of local authorities are practically complete. They cover a population of 15,500,000 out of a total of 16,000,000 in the receiving areas. We have taken a standard of one person per room.

"There will not be a room, in these areas in England and Wales that has not a person billeted in it.

"We have worked out time-tables with the transport authorities to provide for evacuation."

NIGHT MEN AS SOLDIERS

Men who work by night may now be Territorial soldiers by day, with their own battalion formed in London.

The War Office was announced that the 2nd/8th Battalion Royal Fusiliers is to be composed entirely of night workers. Recruiting starts at once.

The 8th Battalion Royal Fusiliers is one of the oldest Territorial units in London, and was one of the first to go overseas in 1914. Its headquarters are in Handel-street, Bloomsbury.

Training time will be arranged to suit the convenience of night workers.

The Jersey States have adopted an emergency measure for the storage of essential foodstuffs.

HE SPURNS ITALY

Sir Charles Petrie, historian and author, has resigned from the Council of the Anglo-Italian Cultural Association as a protest against the Italian invasion of Albania.

HE HAS SOOT IN HIS BLOOD

"It takes seven years to make a piper . . . but he must have seven generations of pipers behind him."

That is what teachers of Highland music say to would-be pipe-majors. They mean that they must have the music in their blood.

There is no set rule as to how many generations a chimney sweep must behind him if he is to attain the heights of his trade.

But Albert Pearce, of Sandhurst-road, Catford, S.E., must surely be fully qualified. His family have been in the business for three centuries. They claim to be the oldest family of chimney sweeps in England.

NAZIS ORDER REVENGE LIST

The Nazi radio station at Gleiwitz, German Silesia, has told Germans in Polish Silesia to draw up a list of Poles who "persecute" Germans.

Get the names and photographs of Poles who remove white stockings from German legs, the announcer urged.

The white stocking is the badge of Nazi sympathisers in Poland.

A.R.P. SHELTERS BY HIRE--PURCHASE PLAN

The Government are to consider making loans to local authorities so that they can finance hire-purchase of steel shelters by people whose income is more than £250 a year.

Such families are outside the Government's "free shelters" scheme as planned by Sir John Anderson, Lord Privy Seal and Minister in charge of Civil Defence.

Mr. Walter Elliot, Minister of Health, making the statement in the House of Commons was replying to the debate on the second reading of the Civil Defence Bill.

Sir John Anderson replied to Mr. Ridley (Lab., Claycross), who had said it looked as though he would never decide on his deep shelters policy unless he were stampeded or kicked.

There had been no avoidable delay, said Sir John. He expected to be able to make a comprehensive and final statement after the Easter recess.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, the Labour spokesman, declared:—

"If the First Lord's statement last night had precipitated certain potential enemies into swift action, the Lord Privy Seal's head would be on a charger to-day, because it is undoubted that his plans are little further ahead than they were when we were in the mess and muddle of September.

"It is not due to the Lord Privy Seal that there is no longer a panic among the people as in September. The reason is the feeling that Britain is now apparently recovering its soul."

"REF" WHISTLES, TEAMS PLAY ON

When a referee blew his whistle in a football match at Newport, Mon, not one player heeded the signal.

LAST OF THE LINE

For over forty years the men of a joinery works in Birmingham have had a pet cat—all descendants of one line.

Recently Sally, the last of the line, presented the Premier Joinery and Mattress Company with some "heirs."

Returning, however, to feed the kittens after her customary stroll among the employees, Sally was trapped in a blaze which destroyed the works.

The roof of the workshop crashed a few seconds after twenty men had rushed outside.

The referee blew again. He knew his whistle was in order—he could hear it himself—but still the players paid no heed.

The referee might have sent the men off the field for disobedience. Instead he ripped out his handkerchief and waved it frantically. This had the desired effect. The members of teams from Newport and Bristol—stopped dead in their tracks.

For the rest of the game the referee signalled by handkerchief. It was useless to continue blowing his whistle, for both teams were composed of deaf and dumb men.



CAPTAIN OF AQUITANIA RECEIVES MATERIAL FOR MRS. ROOSEVELT.—Dr. Clunies Ross of the International Wool Secretariat handing over to Capt. J. C. Townley the Empire wool fabric presented by the wool growers of Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and Canada, specially woven in England for Mrs. Roosevelt. This material will be made into a dress for Mrs. Roosevelt to wear at the President's birthday celebration.

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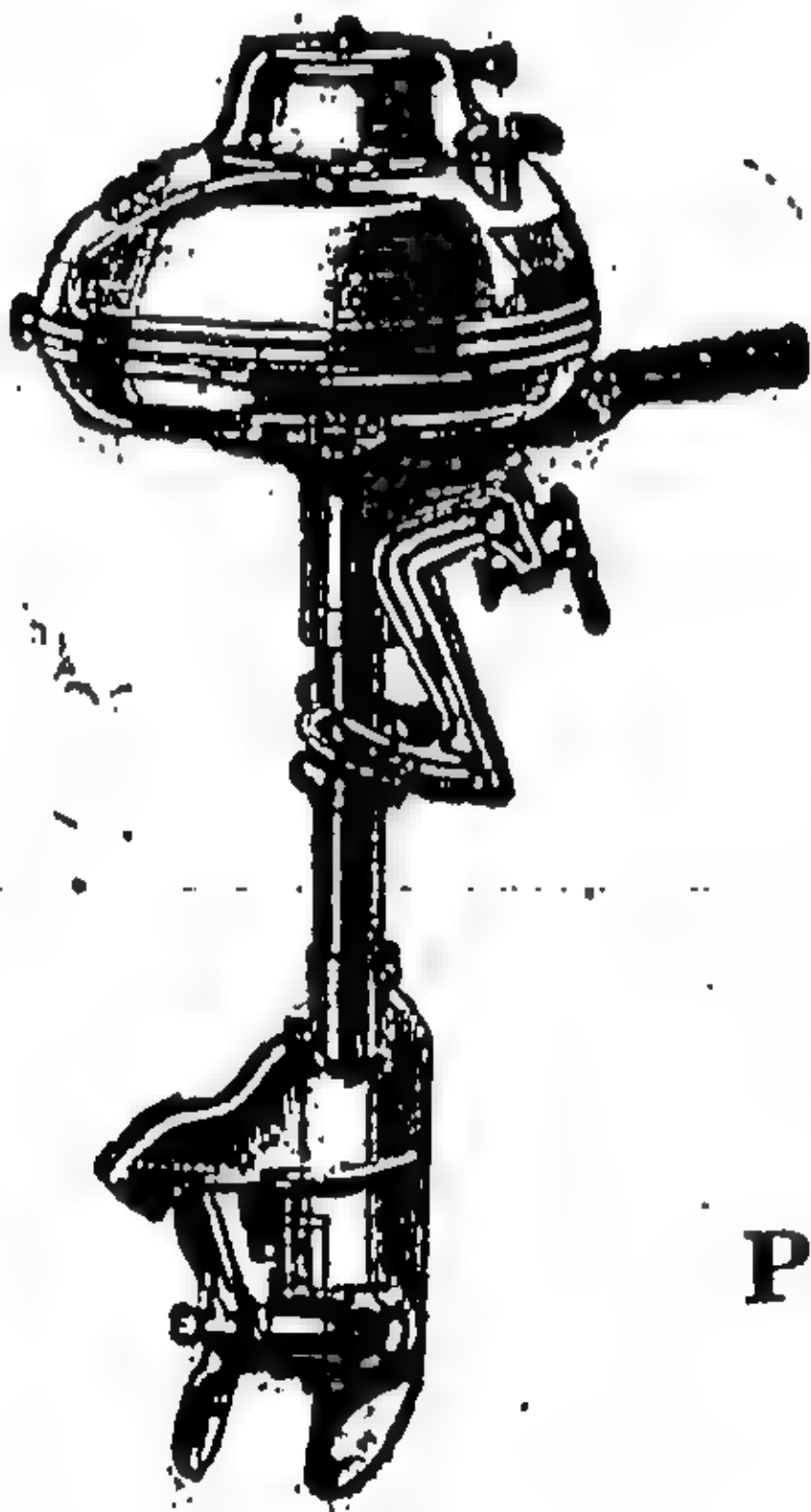
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THIS FRENCH-ITALIA

HERE in Southern France, where I happen to find myself, and in the flower-filled island of Corsica, which is only a few hours out from Nice in the Mediterranean, they talk a curious patois mixture of French and Italian and other languages. Names, too, are at least as often Italian as French, and many of the inhabitants have, in fact, entered French territory within the last few generations. Then characteristics of these people are frequently Italian, yet they are, plunged in this melting pot, unquestionably now French.

Historically, it would be possible to tell a confused and complicated story of Italian origins. But it would be important to notice that when, for example, Genoa had claims to this part of the coast, Italy, as such, did not exist. Italy as a national unity can hardly pretend to go back for more than 70 years, and that unity has been in progress of completion since the World War.

Neither in Corsica nor in Nice have I been able to discover the smallest support for the amazing Italian demands first expressed on November 30, 1938, at Monte Citorio, and since developed in a violent press campaign. People in Corsica and Nice find such demands laughable—as indeed they are. They cannot be taken seriously by any well-informed person. If there were a resort to the favourite instrument of dictators—a plebiscite—it would be impossible to find 1 per cent of the population, I believe, which would vote against France. The same is true of Savoy, on the borders of which I lived for some years. Cries of Monte Citorio simply do not make sense.

Why, then, were they ever launched by the Italian deputies and in Italian newspapers, which, if irresponsible, are still subjected to rigorous Government control? To me, there is only one hypothesis which appears to be at all rational. It is that the Fascist authorities, after more than two years of French political discord under the Front Populaire in which Communists and Syndicalists exercised a dominant and revolutionary influence, believed that France was about to break up. Currency had repeatedly undergone inflation, industrial output had declined, workers were disaffected, air forces had dropped to a state of inferiority; and two months after the humiliation of Munich, with still greater menaces coming from all sides, a general strike that, it developed, threatened to reduce the country to impotence was ordered. No wonder

these signs were duly noted abroad. It was, perhaps, thought that if things went from bad to worse Nice people and the Corsicans would be glad to turn away from France and seek refuge in Italy.

This is the same foolish mistake that has frequently been made by foreigners about France. In the face of threats to French integrity there was a sudden French recovery. The general strike collapsed. M. Daladier went on a triumphal tour and found everywhere that enthusiastic loyalty to France is working again.

Something like governmental stability seems to have been achieved. There is, at any rate, unanimity on one subject—that French territory shall not be touched. Communists and Nationalists alike are resolved to fight to the end rather than yield an inch.

But for my part I am convinced that there cannot be serious strife between France and Italy. Italy undoubtedly feels that it has grievances. It feels that it has never been properly treated by France. It feels that France has been inclined to hold Italy in scorn and as not aware of its recent growth to equal stature. Italy considers that it was thwarted of colonies or compensation in the Versailles peace-making, despite promises of the London treaty of 1915. The international naval conferences failed to obtain adequate results because of Italy's contention that it must enjoy full equality with France. Italy is supersensitive to slights by its "Latin sister." There have long been bickerings and dissatisfaction. It remains true, however, as Colonel Sante Garibaldi has recently declared, that "between France and Italy the idea of a grave conflict is monstrous."

Indeed, I have in the past few weeks been brought into contact with many representative Italians of all classes, and they have assured me with utmost sincerity that never would the Italian peo-

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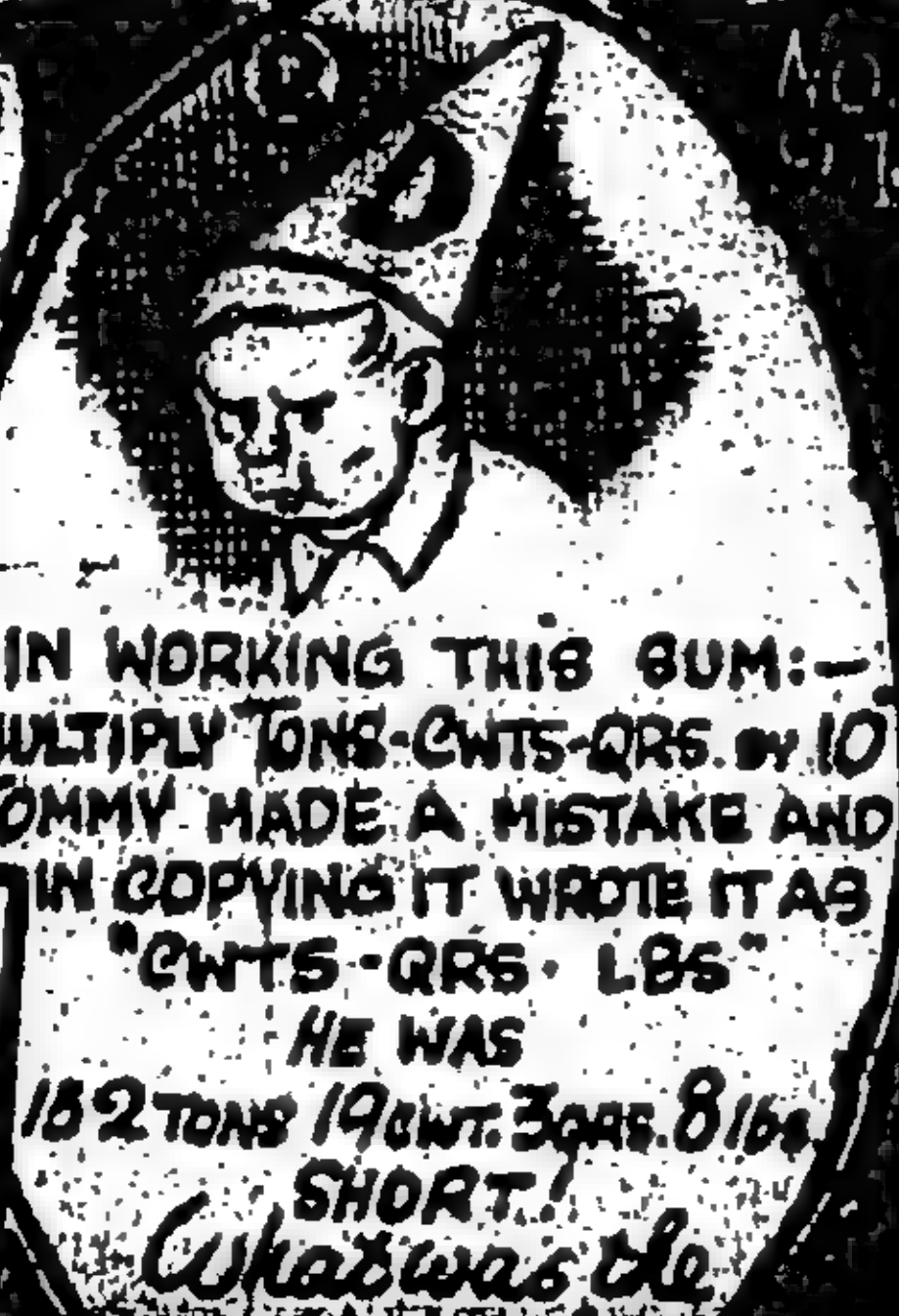
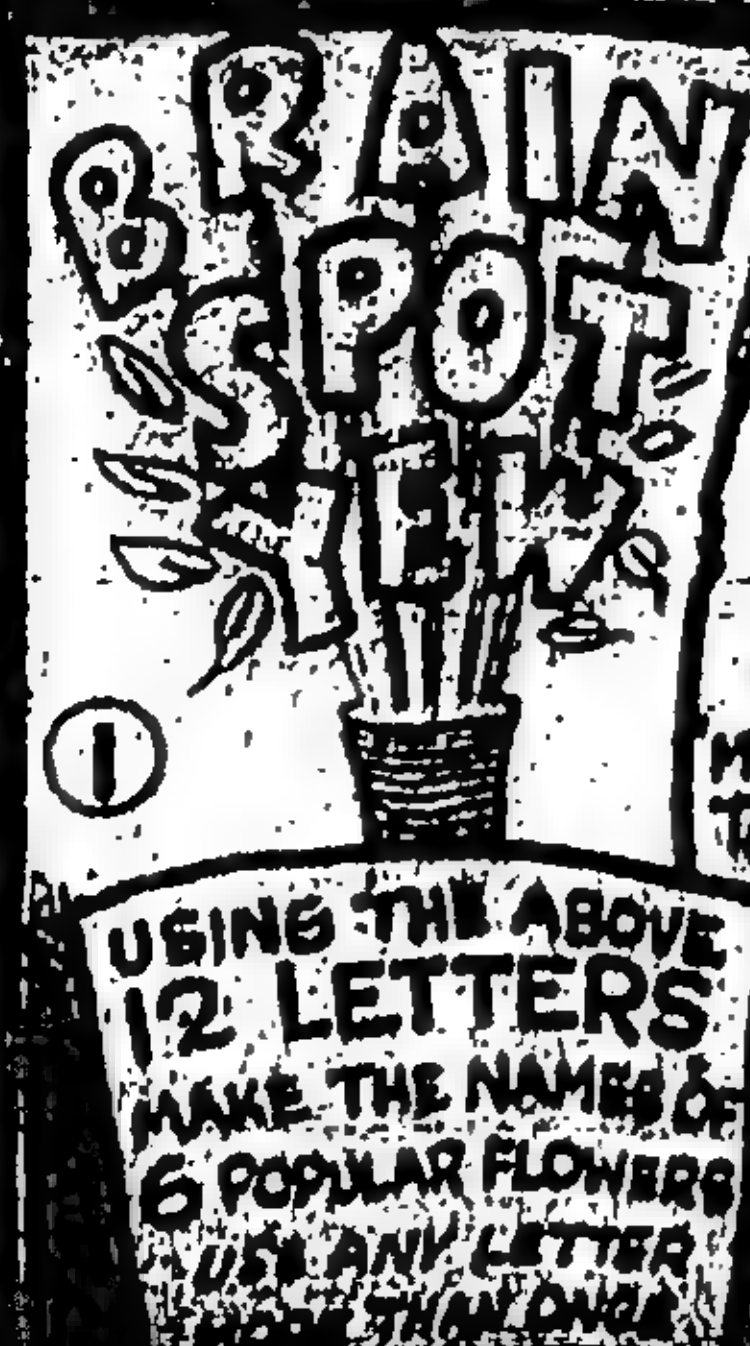
Maximum demands but what of minimum? After all the turn of events we are now told only for a seat on the Suez Canal of the tariffs; the management from Djibouti on Addis Ababa, capital and certain privileges free zone in the It may be also the Italians, who are generous as the French protectorate of Tunisia subjected to some Now all these matters of diplomatic involving no "principle" for nothing may be good negotiations. In French circles, French Moroccan French newspaper party, it has been had politely asked of existing accord in respect to Djibouti—there would be difficulty in commitment. But they are not be bullied, duped; and that while in the present attitude be interpreted as prestige and increasing prestige they will want.

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PROBLEMATICS *By ERN SHAW*



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with the application of "sanctions" in the attempted Ethiopian affair and by the subsequent withdrawal by the Front Populaire of the French Ambassador from Rome. In these negotiations there was actually a question of completing the Laval Accords of 1935. France was perfectly prepared to be as agreeable as possible to Italy, for Frenchmen now see plainly that, so long as Italy remains in the opposite camp, Germany can with impunity go on seizing Austria, Czechoslovakia, and other countries which stand in its way. It is not exaggerating to say that everything that has happened in Europe—to the invariable advantage of Germany—since 1936 is directly related to the Franco-Italian feud and to the now happily ended Anglo-Italian quarrel.

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In May, 1938, France and England took at Geneva the first steps towards the recognition of the Italian Empire. It was then that Signor Mussolini, on May 17, by his startling anti-French speech at Genoa, brought conversations to a close by affirming that France and Italy were on the opposite sides of the barrier in the Spanish civil war. Not until after the Munich meeting did France and England formally recognise Italian sovereignty in Ethiopia. There were high hopes of reconciliation when France sent its Ambassador to be shattered immediately by this unexpected and continuous outburst of Italian animosity.

What will happen now? Italy cannot afford to stand aside much longer while Germany establishes its hegemony over central and eastern Europe. But neither can France (and England) afford to give Germany a clear run by keeping Italy at arm's length. It is perfectly obvious that France will be obliged, sooner or later, to pay a reasonable price to Italy in order to induce it, with Poland, Hungary, Rumania, and Yugoslavia, to resist the German march eastwards. It is equally obvious that Italy will be obliged to seek a compromise. It, too, is losing, both materially and morally, by the continuance of a situation that makes Germany supreme and unopposed. Even to those who are not anti-German it should be plain that it is necessary to set bounds to Germany's ambitions and that Europe is incapable of setting such bounds while France and Italy are in antagonism. The greatest harm has already been done. Let us trust that, before it is too late, the Latin sisters shall realise how Germany alone profits by their sulkiness and will "kiss and make it up."

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England Through Eyes Of An American Woman



"THE ENGLISH always speak of Margate as a place of vulgar and feverish gaiety, but the beach and promenade look to an American like a Quaker meeting. The sun is weak and the English are modest. The pagan abandon of Margate could be scraped together and piled up under a thimble."

When a woman describes herself on a Customs form as a "parasite" and an English train engine as being "only about thirty-four inches around the bust," her travel-book is not likely to be an orthodox one.

Where most travel writers serve up their discovery of England as lush fruits, Margaret Halsey, in "Malice Towards Some," provides salted almonds with just an occasional sugared plum.

Margaret Halsey is the wife of a young American University lecturer who went to England with an exchange professorship.

His work took them to Exeter, where they met the English gentry. They travelled in England, and visited Norway, Sweden, and Paris.

Margaret kept notes during their travels and the result is a diverting book bristling with wisecracks, which have made the English people smile or snarl, according to their capacity for laughing or not laughing at themselves.

Although she is quite kindly disposed to some individual English women, her opinion about them gen-

"With Malice Towards Some" Is Hilarious Travel Diary

erally is not one of the sugared plums.

"Englishwomen have had the strength drained out of them by the debilitating effort to be English ladies," she says. "The poor things spend half their time gardening and the other half being respected and avoided by Englishmen."

She has a theory about their hats:

"I think they keep them suspended on pulleys from the bedroom ceiling, and when they want to put one on they go and stand directly under it, pull a rope, and it drops down, smack, squarely on top of the head. Then, without touching a finger to it, they march out of the house."

But she is impressed with English manners.

"The manners of educated Englishmen are so exquisitely modulated . . . such leaping to feet, such opening of doors, such lightning flourishes with matches and cigarettes—it is all so heroic, I never quite get over the feeling that someone has just said, 'To the lifeboats.'"

"HEAVY" FOOD

Her remarks on English food spare only the roast beef of old England.

"I was well warned about English food, but I wonder sometimes how they ever manage to prise it up long enough to get a plate under it."

"Soup . . . tasted as if it had been drained out of the umbrella stand . . . It is possible to eat English pie crust whatever you may think at first. The English eat it, and when they stand up and walk away they are hardly bent all."

"Savory. This is a sardine resting on toast which sweats melted butter. It serves no discernible function except to give the maids another lap to walk."

As even some English people fail to find hunting alluring, it is not surprising that Margaret is at her devastating best when recording a fox hunt.

Explaining the ethics of the sport she assures us that "After several seasons a fox grows so polite that he turns round and says 'yoo hoo' to the pack whenever they lose the scent, but in his first season he is apt to be a little gauche."

Margaret is a conscientious tourist. "I have a sense of the past which could be laid out flat and made up into awnings."

Tramping round London is so tiring that "by the time I get home again my feet are going to be of such a size that I will be able to have drawers put in them and use them for desks."

To anyone who has ploughed through the solemn pages of facts in guide books her graphic descriptions of scenery are like gay little pictures.

This is her picture of Purford, a village in Cornwall.

"It stands on a hilly little peninsula which, having Plymouth Sound on the side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other two, is instinct with horizons. Purford itself has been boldly tacked to the side of a steep descent which plunges suicidally into Plymouth Sound."

"The streets of the village are virtually perpendicular, and are rendered still more improbable by being, in addition, so narrow that a four-year-old child with a pail in its hand constitutes a traffic jam."

"Sprinkled in among the white cottages are others which have been plastered in burnt orange or salmon-pink or tan . . . Along some of the streets a sea-wall with purple-flowering vines growing over it interposes benevolently to keep you from falling over on to the dark, malign coastal rocks below."

"Though a shelter of woods flanks Purford on either side, tall, green hills rise baldly up at the ton).



well-fed, well-washed, well-groomed men and a quantity of women looking as if they had all changed clothes with each other, just for a lark." Margaret Halsey and her husband endured some disheartening samples of English entertaining.

back of it. These, combined with the stretched out pieces of water, make the houses, which in other English villages seem to be rubbing up against, each other like puppies in a basket, seem in Purford to be huddling together for the definite purpose of protection."

On their trip to Norway she and Henry, her husband, go through a village which "stands at the edge of the fjord on a green and amiable slope with mountains leaning over its shoulder and breathing down its neck."

After her visit to Paris she observes: "The main difference between England and Paris is that England looks comfortable but is not, whereas Paris is just the other way round."

English hotels, entertaining, servants, the "ungentry," whom she likes much better than the gentry, children, furniture, and her lanky, absent-minded husband—are all bombarded with wisecracks.

The illustrations in this book, which reflect Margaret's inability to be awestruck, are by Harold W. Hailstone.

"With Malice Towards Some," By Margaret Halsey. (Hamish Hamilton).

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If you are prone to think, "Come Summer and I will reduce," or "Come Summer and I will gain weight," permit me to smash your illusion before it grows on you!

Last Winter as I was sunning myself on the lovely Florida coast, I had ample time to look at the figures on the beach. Golly! Protruding stomachs, rolling hips, tremendous buttocks, too thick thighs, rubber tires! I listened also. And believe me, my male playmates remarked upon them plenty! The last night's belle of the ball can quickly lose her glamour when she pulls on a snugly fitting bathing suit! Then her figure is revealed—and how!

ALL HAD GOOD INTENTIONS

I listened to the women. They would come out of the dining room telling each other how they couldn't

also corrective exercises for building you up or bumping you down! Then follow those suggestions. For the next couple of months make your figure your hobby. You needn't annoy everyone around you by talking about your hobby, but keep in mind and just see what satisfaction you will reap in the end! But do not procrastinate, start to-day!

No matter what your age, your occupation, your measurements—if you want to improve your figure you may! We cannot all be slim, tall beauties, but most of us can keep our stomachs in where they belong, our chests up and full, our buttocks tucked under! We also can keep a sparkle in our eyes and show a little "pep." And it is surprising how little energy it all takes providing you schedule it daily!



Fat ladies will always be fat ladies as they put off until to-morrow what should be doing to-day!

resist a six course luncheon, or they had been too lazy to join another at tennis or for a walk. They ate, and lolled, and lolled and ate, and their figures, my dears, told the tale of their inertia.

Many of them confessed that they actually had come to the winter playland to reduce! Others (those who were decidedly underweight) told me that all winter they promised themselves that they would exercise when they reached Florida, stimulate their appetites and put on those much needed pounds. I counted nine women who actually were intent on refashioning their figures and surprising as it may seem, they were always counted among those present when a select party were being given! Those women knew it paid good dividends to keep their figures fashionably curved and their energy up to par.

GET BUSY NOW

So if you have even the faintest intention of making your figure more beautiful, drop this newspaper and begin at once! If you delay to-day you might delay to-morrow. And I warn you, that when the real Summer creeps up on you, you will be a sorry lass for not having gotten down to business.

A pretty figure means so much to a woman—especially when she is away on a holiday, away from the family who will condone any state of beauty! Much to beauty editors' distress!

Get yourself a good reducing diet, or suggestions for gaining weight—whichever you need. Seek

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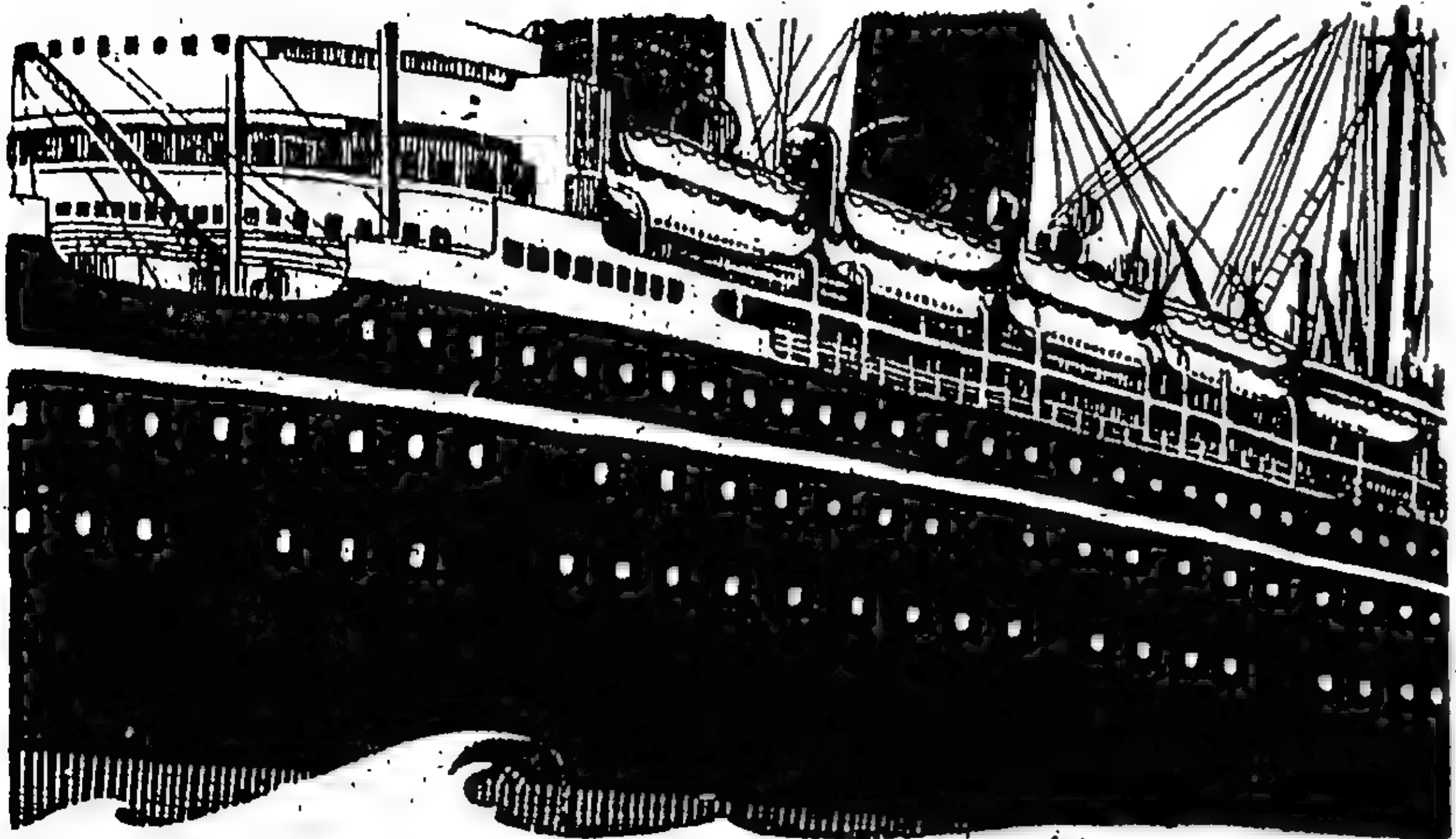
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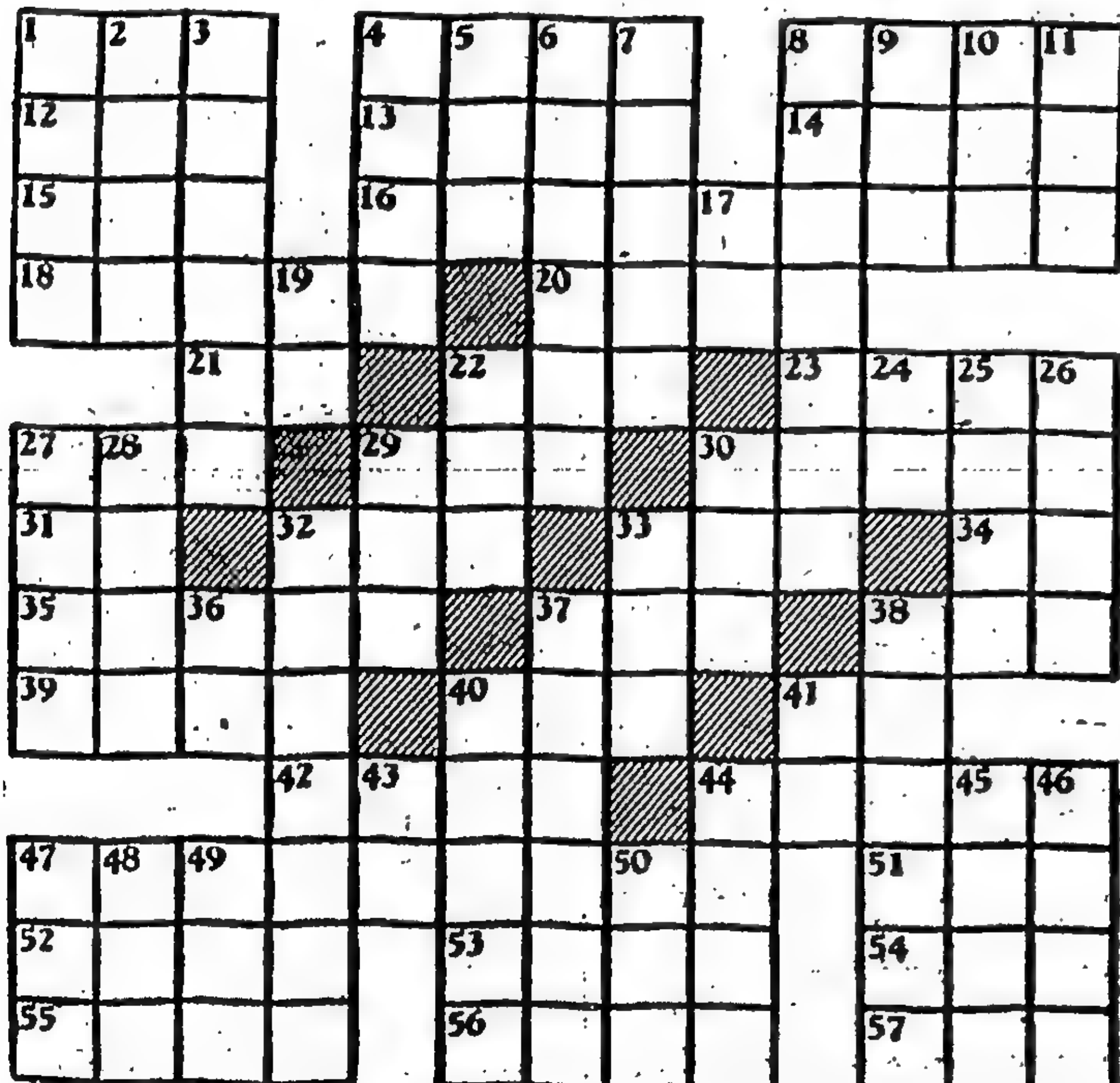
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- 1 Chart
- 4 To debate
- 8 Coral formation (pl.)
- 12 The whole of
- 13 Otherwise
- 14 Norse explorer
- 15 To observe
- 16 Separate
- 18 Rips
- 20 Mountain in Greece
- 21 Therefore
- 22 Garden implement
- 23 Spanish room
- 27 Era
- 29 To stuff
- 30 Catarrh cure
- 31 Negative
- 32 Representation of earth's surface
- 33 Race of lettuce
- 34 Electrical engineer (abbr.)
- 35 Province in Belgium
- 37 To cut
- 38 Skill
- 39 Winglike
- 40 Small war
- 42 Measure

VERTICAL

- 42 Protective ditch
- 44 Ecclesiastical service
- 47 Personal outfit of bride
- 51 Swiss canton
- 52 One who inherits
- 53 Mica of muscovite
- 54 Short sleep
- 55 Snake like fish (pl.)
- 56 Become sullen

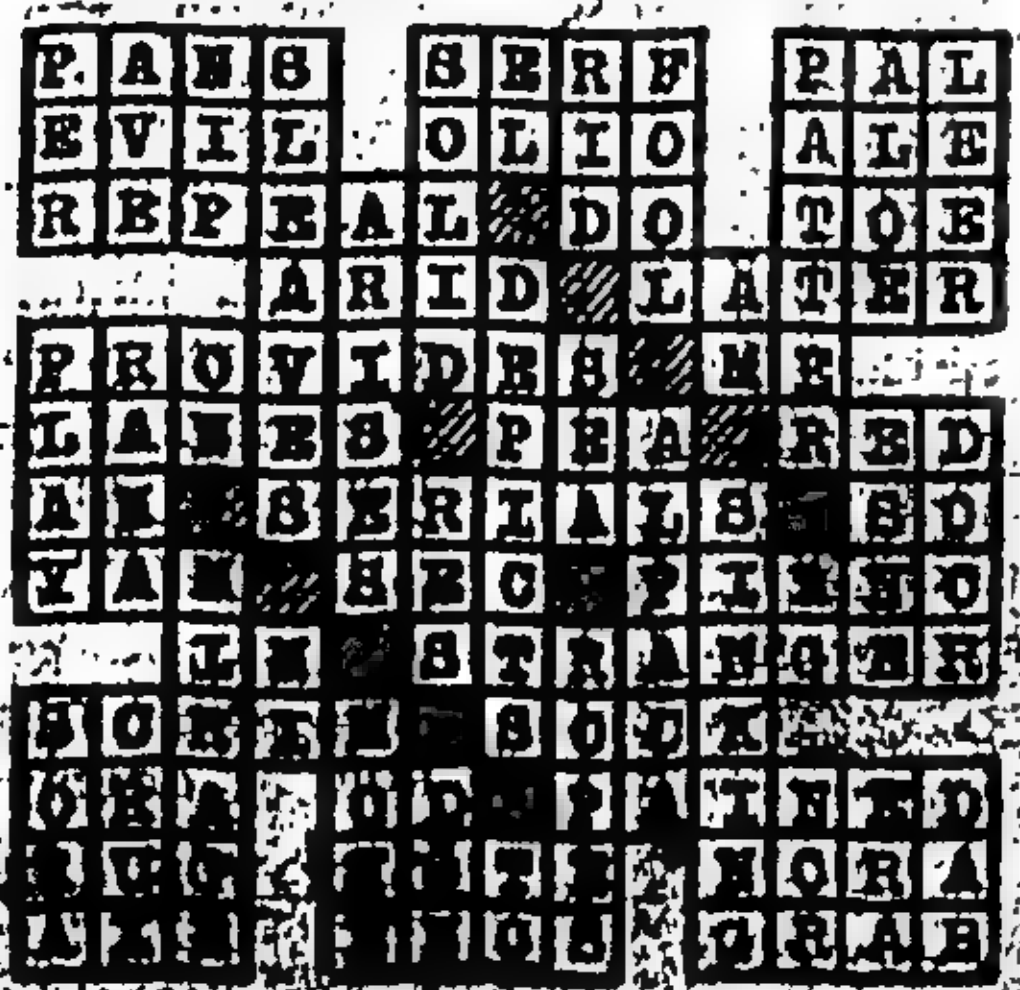
VERTICAL

- 1 Long pole on sailing ship
- 2 Sheltered side
- 3 To delight
- 4 State of disorder
- 5 Chemical suffix
- 6 American poet
- 7 Compact
- 8 Winged steed

9 Goddess of vengeance.

- 10 Lithuanian monetary unit
- 11 Frozen water
- 17 Unit of electricity
- 19 Artificial language
- 22 Befall
- 24 Degree (abbr.)
- 25 Mailgun look
- 26 Encourage
- 27 Woman's name
- 28 Score
- 29 Equal
- 30 Male swan
- 32 Whispers
- 33 Small home
- 36 Parent
- 37 Flat-bottomed boat
- 38 Bring into harmony
- 40 Parts of sailing ships
- 41 Parent
- 43 Bone
- 44 Black swamp earth
- 45 Persia
- 46 Clips
- 47 Article
- 48 Fankle ruff
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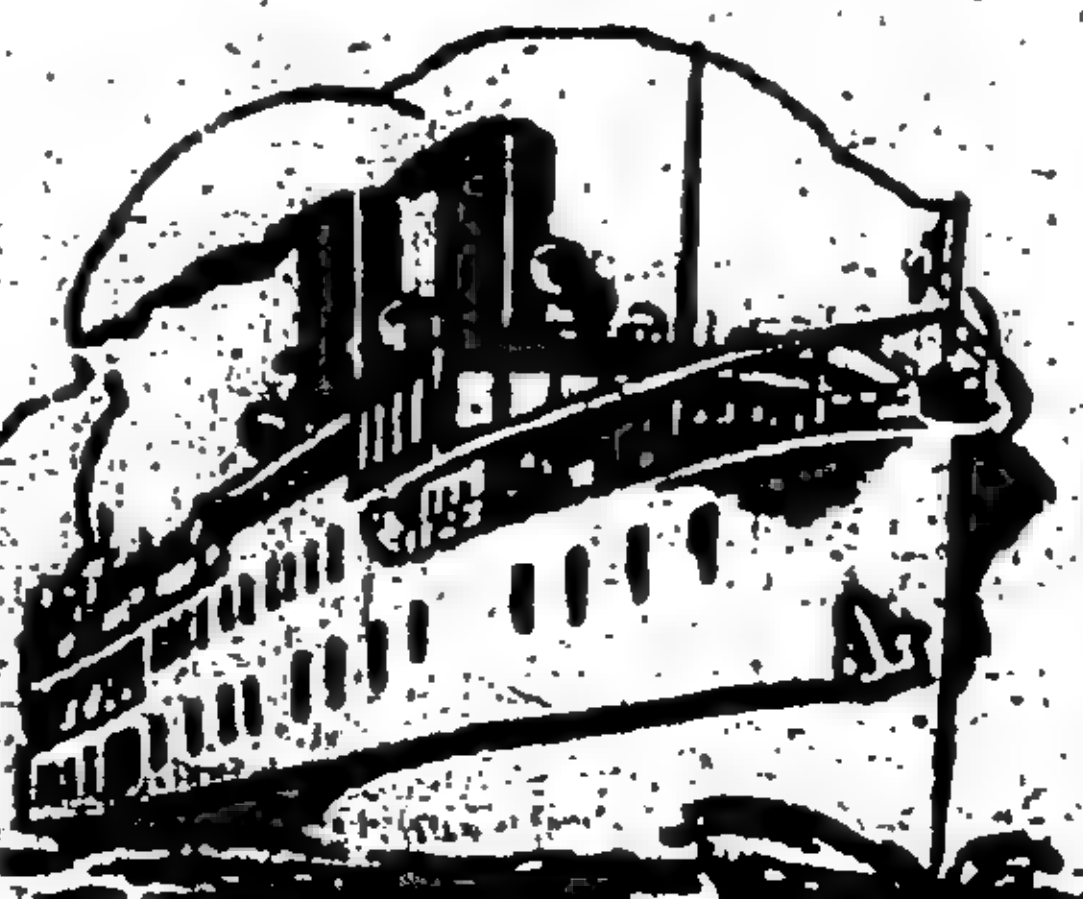
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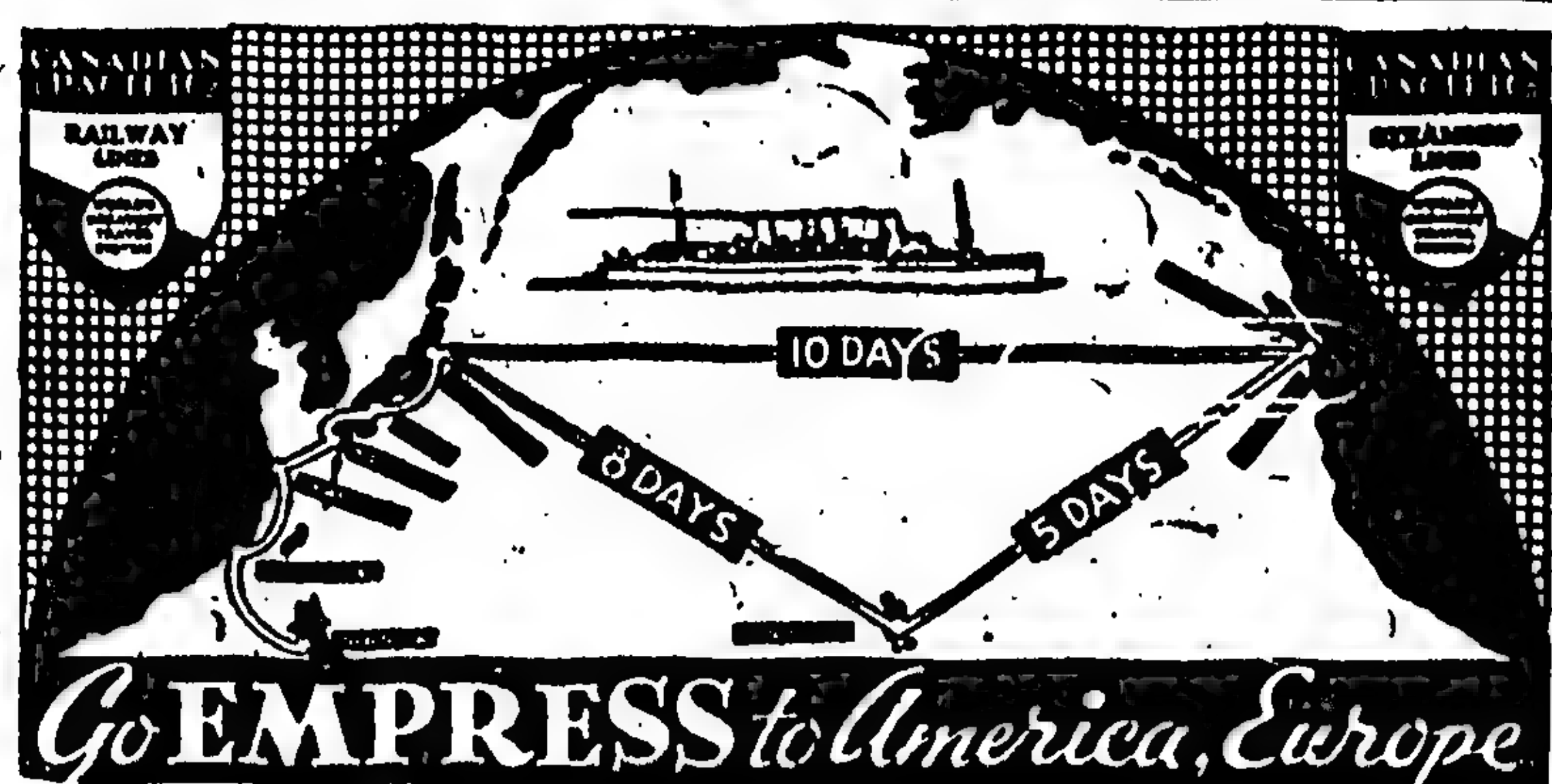
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CHINA TAKING STEPS TO DEAL WITH THE NEW ATTACK ON CURRENCY

Chungking, To-day.

A spokesman of the Ministry of Finance announces that the National Government is adopting appropriate measures against the Japanese attempt to undermine China's financial system in Shanghai.

The spokesman pointed to the failure to undermine Chinese currency in North China, and said the Japanese were now making a simi-

lar attempt in Central China by forming the "Hua Hsing Commercial Bank."

This new attempt was apparently intended as a preliminary step to the control of the financial system centering on Shanghai. Pointing out the enormous importance of the stability of China's financial system, he warned that if it should succeed, it would be a great blow to foreign interests in Central China.

Though the Japanese declare the capital of the new bank to be borne in equal portions by Japanese banks and the puppet government in Central China, the people would never accept notes issued by it except under coercion. They knew the facts too well to be deceived.

The spokesman scoffed at the idea that foreign banks might accept the notes or deposits of the new bogus bank, or have other transaction with it. He explained that for their own, as well as public interest, foreign banks would continue to support the Chinese currency. He recalled that in November, 1933, the British Government recognised Chinese currency as the only legal currency for British trade in China.

The spokesman believes that foreign circles concerned will take appropriate measures to protect their own interests.—Central News.

GERMAN TRADE FIGURES

Berlin, To-day.

German foreign trade figures for the first quarter of 1939 published yesterday, indicate an import surplus of 27 million marks as compared with 43.5 million during the same period of 1938.

German imports to the old Reich alone totalled 1,289.0 million marks, 93.4 million marks less than the total for the first quarter of 1938.

The decrease resulted from reduced prices since the volume showed a slight increase over 1938.

Exports from the old Reich totalled 1262.4 million marks, a decrease of 5.7 per cent. over the corresponding period of 1938.

Exchange of goods in Europe maintained about the same level as last year but overseas trade decreased slightly.

Both import and export trade with the Far East declined exceptionally, Chinese imports of ores, fur and oil falling off as well as the German exports to China and Japan.

Particularly noticeable was the decrease in trade with the American continent.

Imports from the United States which increased during 1938 fell off sharply. The exchange of goods with the overseas possessions of European Powers decreased in volume, imports declining while the exports remained at the same figures.—Trans-Ocean.



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FIRST AID EXAMINATION

An examination in First Aid was held in the Queen Mary Hospital on Thursday, May 4. The Examiner was Capt. Derek Lewis, R.A.M.C., assisted by Staff Sergt. Alexander. The following candidates passed the examination and will receive St. John Ambulance First Aid Certificates in due course:—

Sister M. Amata, Miss K. M. Anderson, Sister M. Augustine, Miss I. M. Blanchett, Miss M. Cheung, Miss J. Didsbury, Sister M. Eucharista, Mrs. V. M. Evans, Miss M. B. Hall, Miss Ruby Mow Fung, Mrs. Polson, Mrs. Olive Potter, Sister M. de Ricci, Miss M. Smith, Mrs. A. Steven, Miss Sybil Swift, Miss Upsdell, Miss E. Williamson, Miss D. Wise, Mr. Harry Sando.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS
Hong Kong Bank \$1350 b.
INSURANCES
Canton Ins. \$225 b.
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Antamoks Ps. 31 sa.
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LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. K. and S. Hotels \$5½ b., \$5.60 s.
H. K. Lands \$33 b.
Humphreys \$7½ b.
H. K. Realities \$4.35 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
H. K. Tramways \$16.60/16½ sa.
Star Ferries \$65 b., \$65 sa.
Yaumati Ferries \$22.60 b.
China Lights (Old) \$3.40 b.
H. K. Electrics \$55½ b.
Macao Electrics \$16.60 b.
Telephones (Old) \$23¼ b., \$23/3¼ sa.

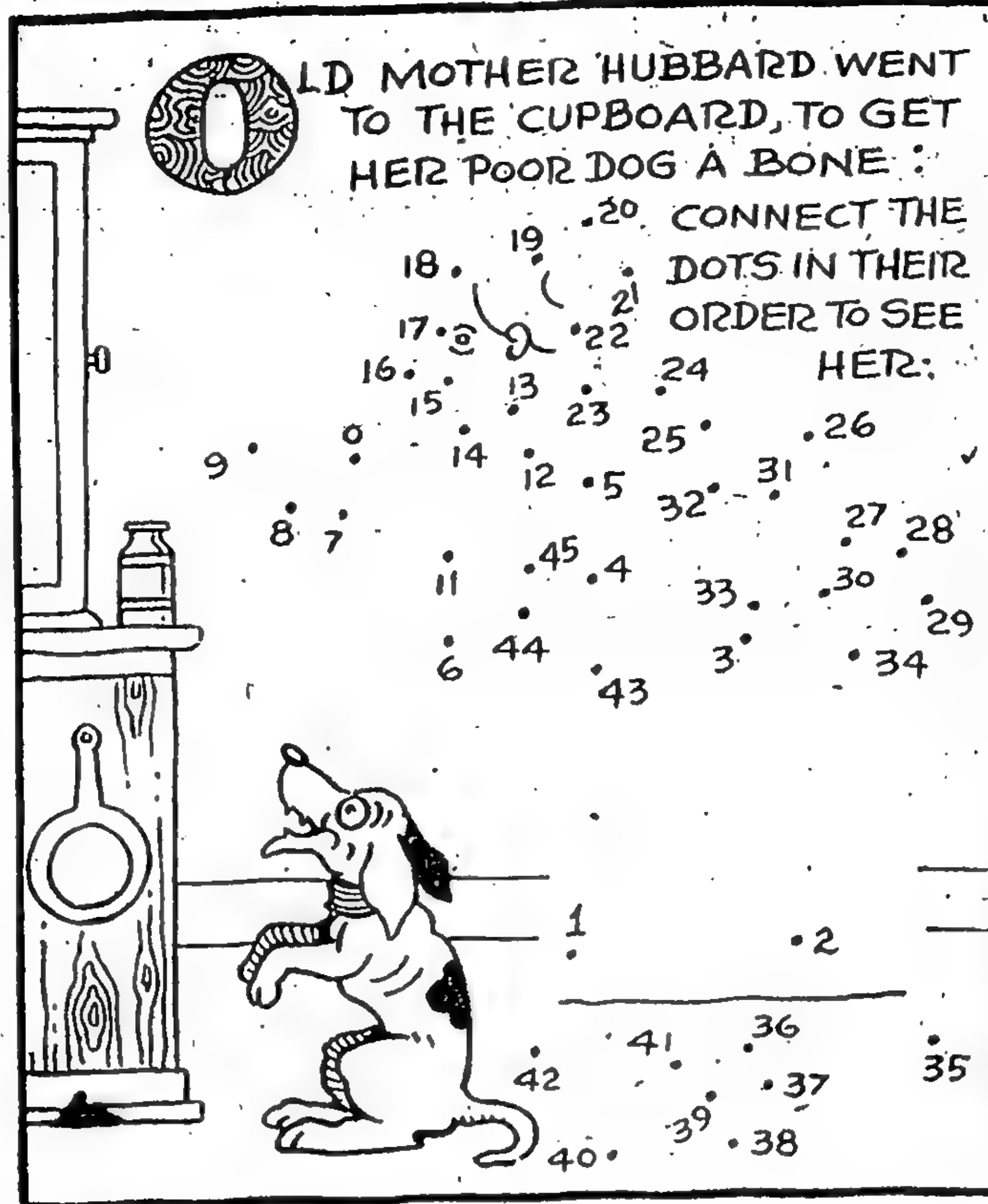
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MISCELLANEOUS
Entertainments \$6½ b.
H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 3¼ prem. b.

The B. I. s.s. Sirdhana will leave for Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka at 6 a. m. to-morrow.

CHILDREN'S PUZZLE



Answer to yesterday's puzzle: Place the 12 objects in the two diagonal rows leaving the four corner squares empty.

H.K.E.R.C. Donations

The following is the latest list of donations to the Hong Kong Emergency Refugee Council:

St. Stephen's Girls' College	\$200.00
China Motor Bus Co.	100.00
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BASEBALL NOTES

RECREIO OUTHIT U.B. BUT LOSE 4-8

Both Teams Require "Polish And Elbow Grease"

EARL WONG HAS GOOD DAY FOR CHINESE B.C.

(By "GRAND STAND")

With Old Sol beating down brightly and the mercury soaring to 85 degrees, U. B. Beermen and Recreio pryed the lid off the Baseball season on Saturday afternoon at the Navy Ground Caroline Hill, before a capacity crowd.

The game was under the patronage of Sir Shouson Chow and Consul General of the United States, Mr. Addison E. Southard, who pitched the first ball to formally open the season.

The Union Brewers came out victorious 8-4 although they were out-hit by the rumbling Recs 10 to 7. Both teams played very shakily and it will take a lot more polish and elbow grease before they reach mid-season form.

Recreio lost the toss and batted first with "Spotty" Pereira leading off to strike out. The Portuguese lads drew first blood in this canto.

Johnny Alvares singled to left field and was driven in by Mike Mendonca's double to right field. Mike crossed the plate a minute later on A. M. Prata's safety to rightfield. Al Alvares fanned for the third out.

The Beermen equalised in their turn to bat in the first frame when A. R. Abbas and Terry Leonard crossed the plate on a muff by First Sacker Henry Barros, a walk, a sacrifice hit by Dave Leonard and a two bagger by hurler Madeen Arculli, who, incidentally, won his own game with the willow wand, hammering a double and two singles to bring in three runs and score two himself.

In the second stanza, Recreio pushed across another tally when J. Alves reached safely to first on a muffed fly by S. Bux and later on romped home on "Spotty" Pereira's double, deep into centerfield.

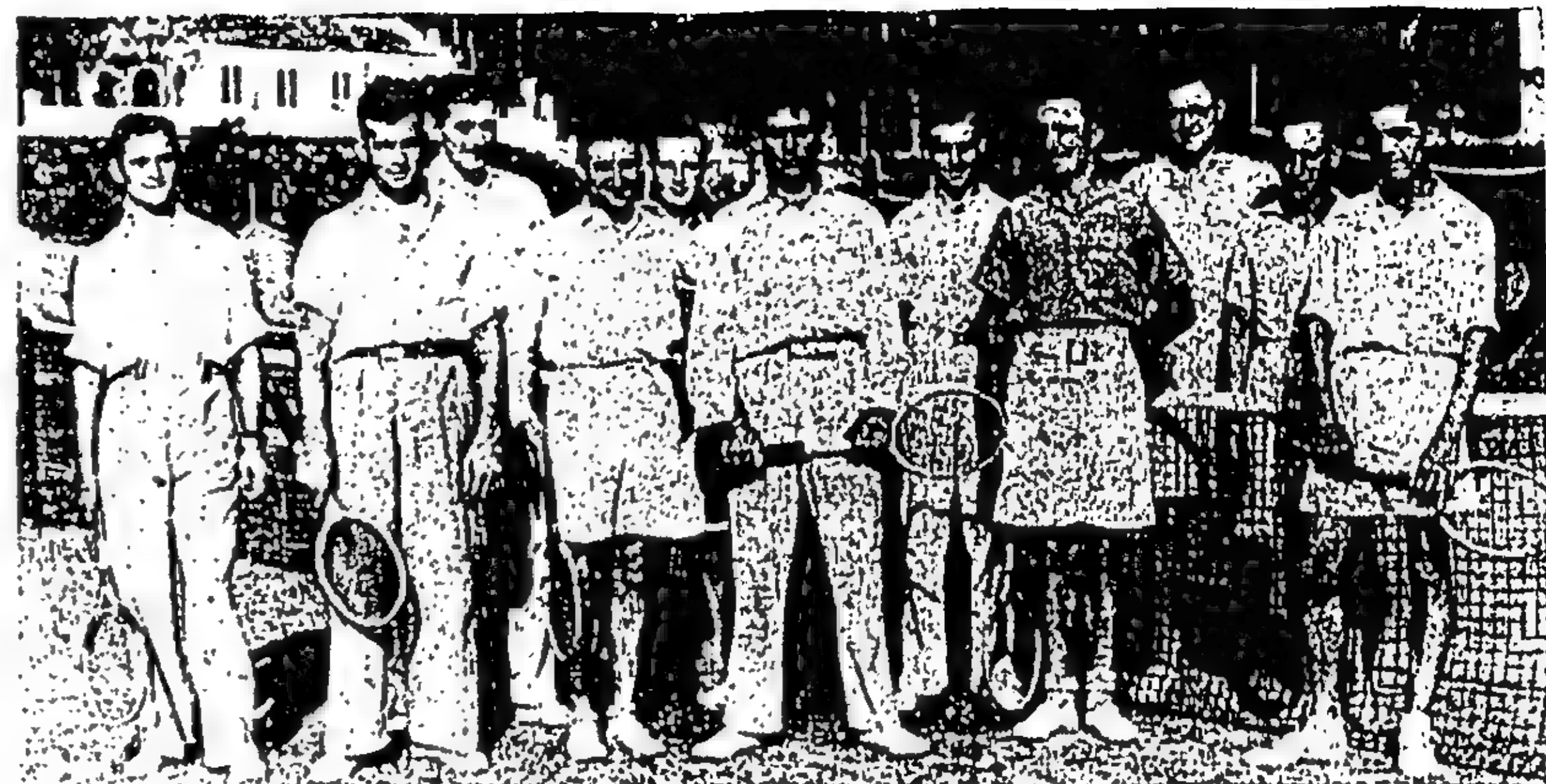
In the third inning, the Recs were blanked. In this frame Dave Leonard and M. Arculli both tallied on bobbles by Prata, and Stanley Leonard two bagger, to put the Beermen in the lead which they maintained till the session ended.

Recreio scored their fourth run in the fourth inning through Al Alvares who clouted a three bagger and was brought in on a sacrifice hit by Carlos Marques.

Terry Leonard, Dave Leonard and Madeen Arculli scored one run each in the fifth to put the game on ice for Chester Bennett's brewers.

Weak Infield

With A. V. Gosano, Eddie Gosano and Nick Beltrao out of their line-up the Recs' infield was very much weakened although Rooke J. Alves made a good showing in the windy alley. A.



ROYAL SCOTS, H. Q. BAND and 9th BTY., R.A., — met in the Army Tennis League on Monday.

M. Prata was bit too slow to cover the hot corner.

Carlos Marques, another newcomer to the Recs camp, was very impressive and showed great promise in the outfield. For U. B., besides M. Arculli, Harold "Baby Face" Winglee behind the plate, Dave Leonard at Shortstop and A. R. Abbas at centre field were the best performers.

To the surprise of all, including himself, Winglee made a hit but in stealing second he forgot to pull up his anchors and was put out almost midway on his way to the keystone sack. Tough luck!

In the only game played on Sunday, U.S.S. Mindanao aggregation, led by Oldtimer Charlie Horton, "lowered the boom" on the Chinese Baseball Club nine to the sweet tune of 6-4.

The Chinese were the first to score when Wally Ching crossed the plate in the first inning on a walk and Earl Wong's single brought him in.

The American Sailors went into production in the second frame and ran three tallies off the assembly lines to take the lead till the fracas was over. Earl Wong, the slab, striking out nine Mindanao sluggers and issuing only two free tickets to first.

Besides pitching a great game, Earl batted 1.000 percent with one single, a double and a three bagger to bring in two runs and crossing the plate once himself.

After such a good performance any pitcher could have won a game if he was given any kind of support at all. With the exception of Nip Lum who very dependable behind the plate and Wally Ching who was very flashy in the windy alley, the Chung Hwa boys played terrible baseball and gave practically no support to the good efforts of moundman Earl Wong.

Expensive Error

First Sacker Tommy Chan's error in the second stanza was the most expensive of the lot. With bases loaded on Charlie Horton's hit and free transportation for Twirler Ruel and Wrigley, Terry knocked an easy roller which Tommy Chan allowed to go through his legs and by the time rightfielder, Raymond Chang, finished toying with the ball, three Mindanao runs already crossed the plate and Terry was comfortably settled at third.

"Crooner" Ruel was not very dangerous on the mound for the Mindanao clan but he played heady ball afield taking nine chances without a miscue. Oldtimer Charlie Horton showed the youngsters that he can still wield the hickory. He took batting honours for his gang, belting two doubles and a single in three times at bat, and bringing in two tallies.

Denham Crary, at third base, and Raymond Chang, playing League baseball for the first time in their young lives, made a good showing for the Chinese and should develop into real good ball players as the season progresses.

ARMY TENNIS

R.A.S.C. BEAT 30 BTY., R.A.

Royal Army Pay Corps beat 30th Battery, Royal Artillery, by 8-1, in their Second Division League tennis match, at Sookunpoo, yesterday.

L/Sgt. Elliott and Gnr. Casey (R.A.).

lost to S/S Pittham and S/M

Taylor 0-6

lost to Sgt. Bardshaw and Sgt.

Adlam 1-6

lost to S/S James and Sgt. Mc-

Clafferty 1-6

Gnr. Ward and Lt. Skipworth (R.A.).

lost to Pittham and Taylor 2-6

lost to Bardshaw and Adlam ... 1-6

beat James and Sgt. McClafferty 8-6

Major Prisswell and Gnr. Roche

(R.A.).

lost to Pittham and Taylor 1-6

lost to Bardshaw and Adlam ... 2-6

lost to James and McClafferty .. 3-6

CENTRAL BRITISH P. T. EXHIBITION

The physical fitness of the students of the Central British School was demonstrated yesterday on the School ground, in a physical drill display before Mr. W. L. Handyside, Inspector of Schools, and some 250 parents and guests.

The movements of the exercises, which are part of the School curriculum, and under the instruction of Miss J. Greig (girls' instructor) and Mr. C. M. McEwen (boys' instructor), the pupils justified parental pride.

The girls of Forms 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 commenced the programme with keep fit exercises and a Scottish country dance. To a melody played on a piano, the athletic evolutions vied in precision with any seen in a stage chorus.

Forms 1 to 6 next gave a display of exercises, which was followed by Team Games by Form 1 and Remove (boys and girls).

Selected students showed agility in vaulting exercises, and the climaxing running somersault without the use of hands was greatly applauded.

The last item of the display was a graceful exhibition by girls of Forms 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Aesthetic Dancing, the whole arrangement and execution of which reflected great credit on Miss Greig and her pupils.

Later the students assembled to sing the School evening hymn, "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended," to conclude an excellent exhibition.

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Celtic Star's Great Feat

Powerful Finish Surprises Rose Jane

SOME HOPE HAS TO FIGHT HARD FOR FIRST WIN

(By "RAPIER")

Fears of inclement weather spoiling the Fourth Extra Race Meeting last Saturday were quickly dispelled when, after a somewhat gloomy appearance in the morning, the sky broke out beautifully fine, and brilliant sunshine prevailed throughout the afternoon.

As was only to be expected, there were upsets, but the dividends paid out were unaccountably moderate in certain instances, particularly on the win of Advancing Time, ridden by a novice jockey.

Advancing Time's Win Causes Minor Upset

Honours of the day among the jockeys were shared by Messrs. C. Encarnacao and V. V. Needa, with three wins each, but the best performance must be credited to Mr. Ho Hong Ping, whose win on Advancing Time was a complete surprise.

The First Race, the Mount Gough Handicap, presented punters with the problem of selecting the winner from three ponies, each of which had a chance of winning, i.e. English Cavalier (Mr. Encarnacao), Hectic View (Mr. Pih) and Rose Emily (Mr. Poy.)

From the start Rose Emily jumped out in front, but it was not long before English Cavalier took command. Coming round the bend, Mr. Encarnacao made sure of the race by forging further ahead, followed by Rose Emily and Hectic View, the latter appearing to be running strongly. The heavy burden of 168 lbs. evidently had its effect on Hectic View, as it failed to make any impression on English Cavalier, whose win was well-deserved.

The second race, the Mount Davis Handicap (First Section), from the two mile post distance, resulted in the first upset of the day. Mr. Needa was expected to take the mount on Marksman, but he did not do so, coming out on Celtic Star instead.

Rose Jane (Mr. Encarnacao) commanded the most support in the betting, and rightly so. It would have won but for a magnificent last-quarter performance on the part of Celtic Star. Pinfarthings (Mr. Churchill) and Rose Evelyn (Mr. Poy) ran off together with a great spurt, and by the time the Rock was reached, they were many lengths ahead.

Magnificent Burst

Coming down the steep, and before rounding the bend, Rose Jane took up the challenge, and so strongly was it running that the race appeared as good as over. It failed to reckon with Celtic Star, however.

Mr. Needa sent his pony forward, and it was simply amazing to see the way it performed! Step by step it caught up with Rose Jane, and once it secured the lead, it won as it liked.

Pinfarthings had to fight hard in order to secure third position.

What was regarded as the most important race of the day resulted in another surprise win, Courting Eve making no mistake in winning the Brisbane Spring Handicap over the Champions course.

On the last occasion that Courting Eve appeared, it finished last; in fact it stopped running, thus lending colour to the belief that it was then suffering from a relapse of its previous trouble. Many, therefore, were not prepared for its great performance last Saturday.

This race marked the reappearance of Strathroy. Up to a certain stage it revealed a glimpse of its old form, but it simply could not meet the challenge which was put before it.

Practically from the start, Courting Eve took the lead, followed by Strathroy, Snowy River and Lucky Lad. Coming round the bend for the final burst, Strathroy dropped back, and eventually it all revolved about the question of whether Lucky Lad could overhaul Courting Eve. The latter responded a little more gamely, and its win was well merited.

Rose-Queen's Win

Quite an interesting finish was seen in the fourth race, the Mount Davis Handicap (Second Section). What was expected to be an easy win for Rose-Queen developed into a duel between that pony and Laughing Girl, which Rose-Queen only managed to win within the last few lengths.

Bright View (Mr. Fung) and Laughing Girl (Mr. S. C. Liang) made the running, but before coming into the straight the latter moved forward, and so convincingly was it running that at this stage it appeared certain of winning the race. Mr. Encarnacao had a trick to pull out, however, and when within 50 yards of the post, sent Rose-Queen through, passing first of all Bright View and then Laughing Girl.

The fifth race, which was the Hunchbacks Plate, over six furlongs, was also the first leg of the "Daily Double," and nearly resulted in another surprising win.

Heddon, ridden by Mr. Wei, very nearly did the trick, but well and truly ridden by Mr. Encarnacao, Some Hope, which disappointed at the previous meeting, made amends by scoring a grand victory, snatching its win practically in the last few yards.

The race started with Sea Horse Heddon and Bressay in the first group with Gog, Green Bay and Some Hope following behind.

On rounding the bend, Bressay fell back and Gog came up to third position, hotly pursued by Green Bay and the others.

Some Hope's First Win

Sea Horse gave up the fight near the two mile post, leaving Heddon and Gog to fight out the finish. With a terrific rush Some Hope, however, came through and after passing Gog, it challenged Heddon, which was whipped by Mr. Wei, but to no avail as with a last great effort, Some Hope shot forward to secure a most thrilling win.

In the sixth race, the Charters Towers Handicap, from the two mile post distance, Mr. Needa showed good judgment in sending Criffel out in front, which position, it maintained right up to the finish.

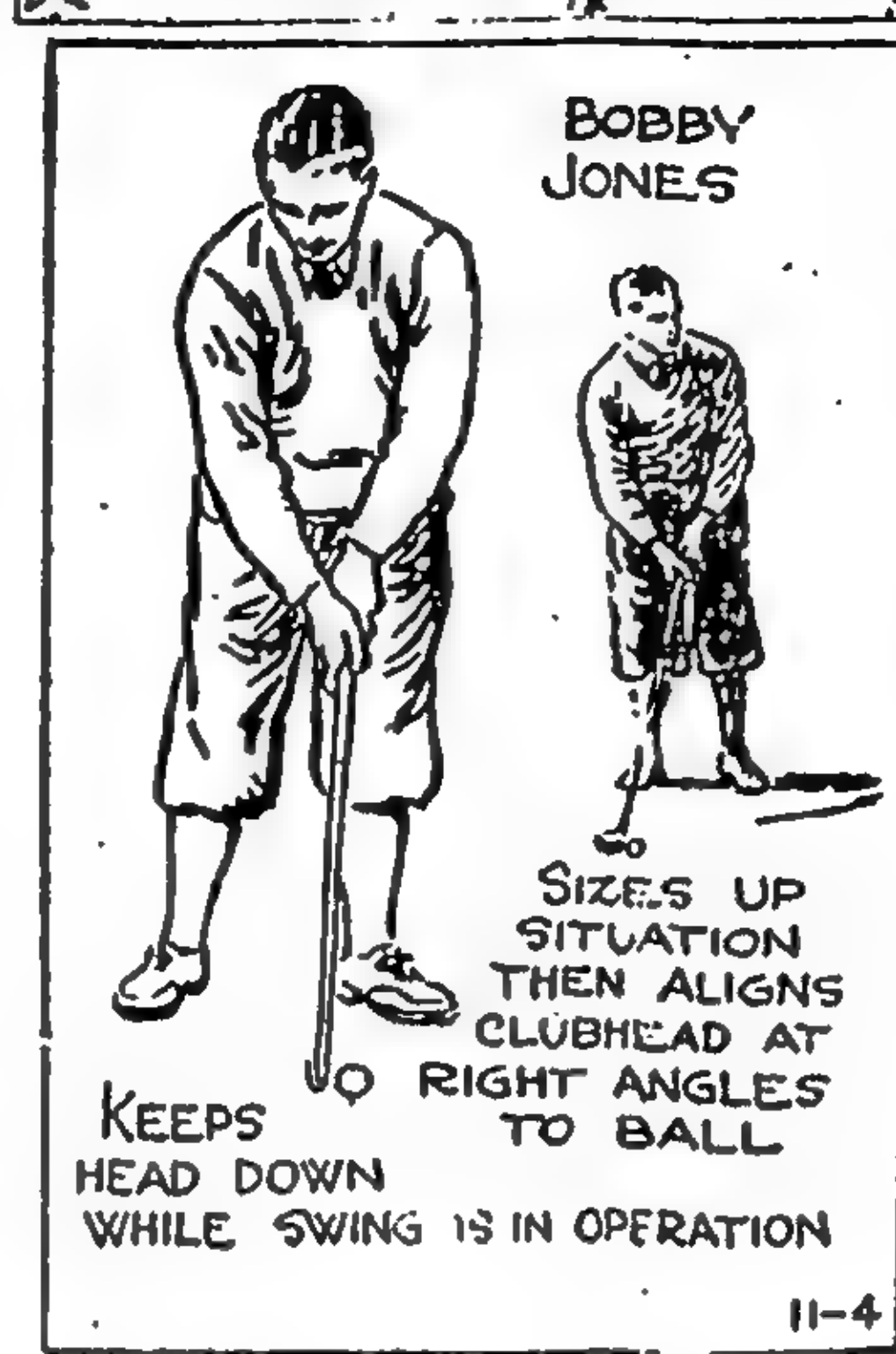
On the rise of the barrier, Criffel went into the lead, followed by Brutus and Rising Star. On reaching the half mile post, the former pony had a very substantial lead, and it was never seriously challenged.

Criffel's win was a little surprising, as I for one did not expect that it could last out such a long race.

With a great burst of speed, Tornado Star (Mr. Wei) managed to beat Blandford to take second place.

Seventeen ponies faced the starter in the first section of the Taimoshan Handicap over a mile—this was also the second leg of the "Daily Double."

GRAPHIC GOLF



DECISIVE PLAY

By BEST BALL

The path a golfer wants the ball to travel in should be definitely determined before the swing gets underway. When the clubhead is describing its swinging arc is no time to ponder over the fact that the objective is not clearly mapped out in one's mind. Golf is a game that does not require quick decisions, but does require decisive action. Once the situation is lined up the player should direct his attention to hitting the ball properly along this line. Hesitation during the stroke is reflected in jerky swinging and faulty impact with the ball.

Line up the shot according to your capabilities, then assume your stance, align the clubhead to the ball properly so that it will travel along this line if hit properly and swing. The head must be kept still during the stroke, eyes on the ball and the chin pointed back of it. Bobby Jones above uses this formula. He sizes up the problem with no waste of time, soles his club back of the ball, gives a quick look to see that it is aligned correctly and then begins his low sweeping back-stroke. It was his ability to concentrate on this formula, hole after hole during four gruelling tournaments, that gave him his historical grand slam. Friday—Pull Also Counts.

PROBABLE STARTERS FOR SHANGHAI CHAMPIONS

This afternoon at about 4.35 the Shanghai Champions will be run, it is the 9th. race of the day and the following are the probable starters:—

Bober (L. Wade) owned by H. and K. Cordon Rouge (John Sparke) owned by Mrs. Jack Liddell.
Gold Vase (F. Marshall) owned by We Two.
Joylight (C. B. Moller) owned by Cire.
Magic Circle (H. Maitland) owned by Mrs. Wm. McBain.
Night Express (G. Rennor) owned by R. H. McNair.
Rochampton (A. F. Clark) owned by A. S. Henchman.
Woodbridge (M. Feeney) owned by A. S. Henchman.
White Parade (J. W. Pote-Hunt) owned by A. V. White.
White Willie (A. A. White) owned by A. V. White.

sued for second position, the race was devoid of interest.

Ridden by a keen and enthusiastic novice jockey, Mr. Ho Hong Ping, Advancing Time took the lead from the very start and romped home an easy winner.

The result was apparently, not altogether unexpected as only \$29.90 was paid for the win.

There was a spirited struggle for second place between Ebony Idol (Mr. B. A. Proulx) and Night View (Mr. Encarnacao), the latter carrying top weight of 168 lbs. There was 18 tickets on Advancing Time in the "Daily Double," and each received the sum of \$397.60.

Sydney Lad Just There

In the Canterbury Park Handicap, over the two mile post distance for Australian ponies, Mr. Needa adopted the same tactics on Sydney Lad as he did on Criffel in a previous race.

At the rise of the gate he sent Sydney Lad forward, followed by Bruno and Baffin Bay. On reaching the half mile post, Baffin Bay passed Bruno, and gradually crept up on Sydney Lad.

Coming into the straight Bruno came back strongly, but it was left to Baffin Bay to challenge Sydney Lad; its effort was unavailing, however, and Sydney Lad won with threequarters of a length to spare, with Baffin Bay second and Bruno third.

The last race of the day, the second section of the Taimoshan Handicap, found punters betting strongly on Starlet, the pony which paid the colossal dividend on the last day of the Annual Meeting.

Wilber, the eventual winner, was also strongly supported, and its success was due to fine judgment on the part of its jockey, Mr. Raymond.

The race started with Whalsay and Zero taking the lead, followed by Meteor, Phoenix and Wilber. At the half-mile post the same position was maintained, but when the last quarter was reached it was seen that Zero and Meteor were dropping back.

Wilber then came forward to take the lead, and despite all Mr. Tao did on the ground, he was unable to over-

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

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C. C. C.

J. W. Leonard, K. M. Omar, A. E. Coates, and B. W. Bradbury (skip).
A. A. Razack, W. Ward, A. M. Omar, and U. M. Omar (skip).
J. S. Landolt, L. C. R. Souza, C. S. Rosset, and R. Basa (skip).

RECREIO

J. C. Remedios, D. C. Alves, G. R. Pereira, and B. Basto (skip).
C. C. Pereira, A. M. Xavier, E. A. Sousa, and F. X. Soares (skip).
F. A. Machado, C. H. Basto, F. V. V. Ribeiro, and J. J. Basto (skip).

K. C. C.

V. C. Labrum, J. W. M. Brown, H. Nish, and F. Goodwin (skip).
Geo. Lee, W. Mulcahy, J. Hyde, and E. Kern (skip).
W. Hyde, T. A. Madar, H. Overy, and E. C. Fincher (skip).

P.R.C.

J. Shepherd, C. Dowman, W. McLeod and A. E. Carey (skip).
G. Perkins, R. Ellis, J. Forrest and J. Orem (skip).
W. Mair, G. A. Chalmers, H. Brown and J. S. Fender (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

No Match

A friendly game (spoon) will be arranged for all players turning up.

C. C. C.

J. H. Xavier, D. A. Rozario, H. W. Randall, and M. A. Souza (skip).
A. J. Coelho, F. X. Delgado, M. J. Medina, and J. Cavanagh (skip).
W. J. Penny, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, T. Locke, and W. K. Way (skip).

P.R.C.

F. J. Kelly, W. MacHardy, J. Edwards and G. C. Miss (skip).
J. R. McWalter, S. R. Farlow, N. B. Fraser and F. E. Booker (skip).
J. Riddell, S. J. Johnson, J. W. MacDonald and G. S. Alexander (skip).

THIRD DIVISION

C. C. C.

S. R. Solina, W. Phelps, A. B. Hamson, and G. Ladd (skip).
E. McNay, H. Petersen, Dr. C. W. Lam, and John Pau (skip).
G. A. Payne, E. Kerrison, W. McNeill, and A. E. S. Alves (skip).

RECREIO

M. F. Alarcon, A. Rodrigues, J. R. Soares, and O. P. Remedios (skip).
A. F. Noronha, C. Vas, L. A. Gu-tierrez, and C. M. S. Alves (skip).
L. Leon, F. A. Xavier, E. M. Remedios, and P. A. Yvanovich (skip).

with being third.
Prior to the start of the race, spectators were revealed with an unusual

They Say--

Substitution in football opens the door to jiggery-pokery. It's playing with fire. No, better leave things as they are.—Ivan Sharpe.

Tommy Farr may, or may not, be interested in regaining his British and Empire titles, but a win over Burman will insure him getting plenty of offers in that direction. As for the American, his mentors make no secret of the fact that he is destined to fight for the world's championship in the space of the next twelve months.—Len Harvey.

After the poor display of Scotland's forwards in the internationals many claimed that the nucleus of a more formidable pack could have been chosen by the selectors had they looked towards Stewart's (F.P.). The Inverleith club have long had a tradition for producing hefty scrummagers, and this season they were well up to strength in that direction.—A writer in the "Sunday Times."

Archie Compston's putting especially commanded respectful attention in the £2000 tournament. He makes no difficulty about it. If he does not hole from five yards he leaves the spectator with the impression that only a hidden "borrow" in the green prevented his doing so. The rest, Cotton included, are either laborious or haphazard by comparison.—Henry Longhurst.



They're off! Girls from Leeds University get away to a good start in a practice sprint, Mr. T. Lommerud, the University's Norwegian trainer, acting as starter.—(Copyright, Fox).

The eclipse of Scotland's leading boxers, temporary or otherwise, is not in the least likely to send Scottish boxing fans into the doldrums. Enthusiasm is as keen as ever, and among the younger recruits to the ring are a number who in time may well prove worthy successors to Lynch, Kilrain, and McGorry.—Malcolm Turner.

For some obscure reason Cowdenbeath appear to have fallen out of favour in the "Kingdom." There seems to be something very wrong with the outlook of the public towards senior football in Fife. Knowing what I do of the class of player to be found among the Fife colliers, I have never

been able to fathom the reason why this "nursery" has failed to maintain First Division clubs while the other collier county of Lanarkshire can boast of three.—Willie Maley.

Where now are the men who are going to take the place of the Compstons and the Whitcombes? Where is this "young team" that we are supposed to be sending to the States in November? You cannot answer those questions, and neither can I. The fellows who, for a year or two, have looked like becoming great players, have not fulfilled their promise; one or two of them have slipped back.—Laddie Lucas.

CRICKET CLUB PROSPECTS

London, April 23.

Although some of the leading clubs will not open their season until May 6; many have arranged to make an early start next Saturday. With the favourable weather of the past week, the groundsmen have not experienced much difficulty in getting the grounds into good condition, and if there is not much rain this week excellent batting wickets will be ready for next Saturday's games.

The Cricket Conference, with a greatly increased membership, keen to encourage the junior players, have wisely decided to include two new inter-county matches in their programme of representative games.

Accordingly, arrangements have been made for an Essex "A" eleven to meet Surrey "A" at Wanstead on June 7, and Kent "A" to play Middlesex "A" at New Beckenham on June 21. In addition to this move, which will inspire junior players with new enthusiasm to improve their skill, the Conference, at the wish of the M.C.C., have asked all their clubs to use the eight-ball over in their matches this season.

The prospects of the strongest clubs are particularly encouraging. Beckenham, Blackheath, Catford Wanderers, Chiswick Park, Cyphers, Dulwich, Finchley, Hampstead, Mill Hill Park, Richmond, South Hampstead, Sutton, Upper Clapton, and Wimbledon will be strengthened by new players, and most of the Banks' teams will be improved. The majority of the clubs have increased their memberships, and during next month many promising young players will be given the opportunity of gaining places in the first elevens.

If the weather is favourable net practice will be started on some of the grounds this week. Club captains are very keen on improving fielding this season, and one night in each week is to be devoted to this important part of the game. Every effort is also to be made to develop fast bowling. Many notable players, including G. O. Allen, D. J. Knight, and R. W. Robins, will appear frequently in leading club matches during the first three months of the season.

RODERICK FOR U.S.

London, April 25.

If Ernie Roderick deprives Henry Armstrong of his world welter-weight title, at Harringay, on May 25, he will go to the United States and fight an opponent to be nominated by Mike Jacobs, the American promoter, who has Armstrong under contract.

Nel Tarleton, Roderick's manager, told a Press Association reporter this at Belle Vue, Manchester, last night, when Roderick and Armstrong, meeting for the first time, were introduced from the ring.

Mr. Tarleton stated that if Roderick loses to Armstrong he will defend his British Championship against any boxer that the Board of Control may suggest.

There have been conferences regarding the position of Mike Jacobs and the world title fight, and there was a suggestion that he would seek to stop the contest unless Roderick agreed to contract himself to him in the event of his winning.

Mr. Tarleton, asked if a Roderick fight in America would be a return with Armstrong, indicated that the contest would be with anybody whom Jacobs wished to nominate.

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HONG KONG-MANILA SOCCER

Hong Kong's Return To Form Against Manila Champions

Gosano, Fung Impressive

Alex Boisserie's Missed Chances In Early Stages

Manila, May 5.

Champions of the Manila Football League, Y.C.O. A.C., went down at the hands of a better-playing and harder-punching All-Hong Kong selection last night at the local stadium, 4 goals to 1. Though beaten twice in as many starts last night's victory proved a fine shock absorber for Hong Kong's two starting failures in Manila. Y.C.O.'s poor team work and cohesion coupled with Pepe Sotelo's mediocre goal guarding at times were contributing factors of the defeat of the local football champions. Y.C.O. suffered a similar reverse at the hands of the Singapore Chinese in the previous series held at the stadium.

Better shooting under pressure might have saved the champions from defeat yesterday. In the first half, Alex Boisserie dribbled through the entire defence and reached the very mouth of the Hongkong door but shot the ball outside.

Again in the second half Jose Garriz, inside right, missed an easy chance to score through a fallen Tam Kwan-kon and a badly broken Hongkong defence. Fung King-cheong's initial goal of the evening scored in the first half went through Pepe Sotelo who made a most untimely dive for the speedy roller.

Yco's defence last night was as good as All-Manila's and La Salle F. C. except that it tired out badly in the second half under the strain. The Yco forward line with the exception of Alex Boisserie rarely clicked as expected. Pepe Miranda's score in the second half was the only retrieving feature of the mediocre play of the rest of his line. The Hong Kong players were all over the field during the major part of the match and deserved to win by a wider margin but for a few brilliant saves of Sotelo at goal.

H.K. TEAM SHUFFLED

The Hong Kong team shuffled its forward line a bit for yesterday's final engagement. A. V. Gosano teamed up well with Beltrao and Fung King Cheong keeping the Yco backs worried many a time. Although play was a bit even in the first ten minutes of play the visitors sailed several times within shooting territory to be stopped by Jose Marie Hernandez's hard playing and the fine defence of the two Nieto brothers. Five minutes later the Hong Kong forwards carried the ball again into the champions' territory Fung King Cheong booting a fast roller from beyond the full back line which Sotelo missed. It was Hong Kong's first score of the evening and the first time they had taken the lead in three starts. Before Fung's excellent tally. Alex Boisserie missed an easy boot in front of the goal.

A fast tiring Yco defence answered the whistle for the second half. The visitors played faster and better through the period and deserved at least two more goals but for Sotelo's fine stops. A melee in front of the Yco posts which gave N. Beltrao a chance to tap an easy pointer practically clinched the match. Minutes later, however, the Yco forwards dashed toward the Hong Kong posts. Emilio Ugarte passed a high one which dropped right in front of Tam Kwan-kon's door. Pepe Miranda heading the ball into the net for his team's lone score of the evening.

With the count 2-1 for the Hong Kong team, the match was over.

the visitors pressed harder to give Gosano two chances to convert with precise shots that Sotelo had no chance to stop. Gosano shot his first score ten minutes before the whistle time and bid Manila goodbye with another goal in the last seconds of play. Both goals by Gosano were well-placed and deserved the crowd giving him a big hand both times.

HOME CRICKET

PHILLIPSON'S SPLENDID BOWLING

London, To-day.

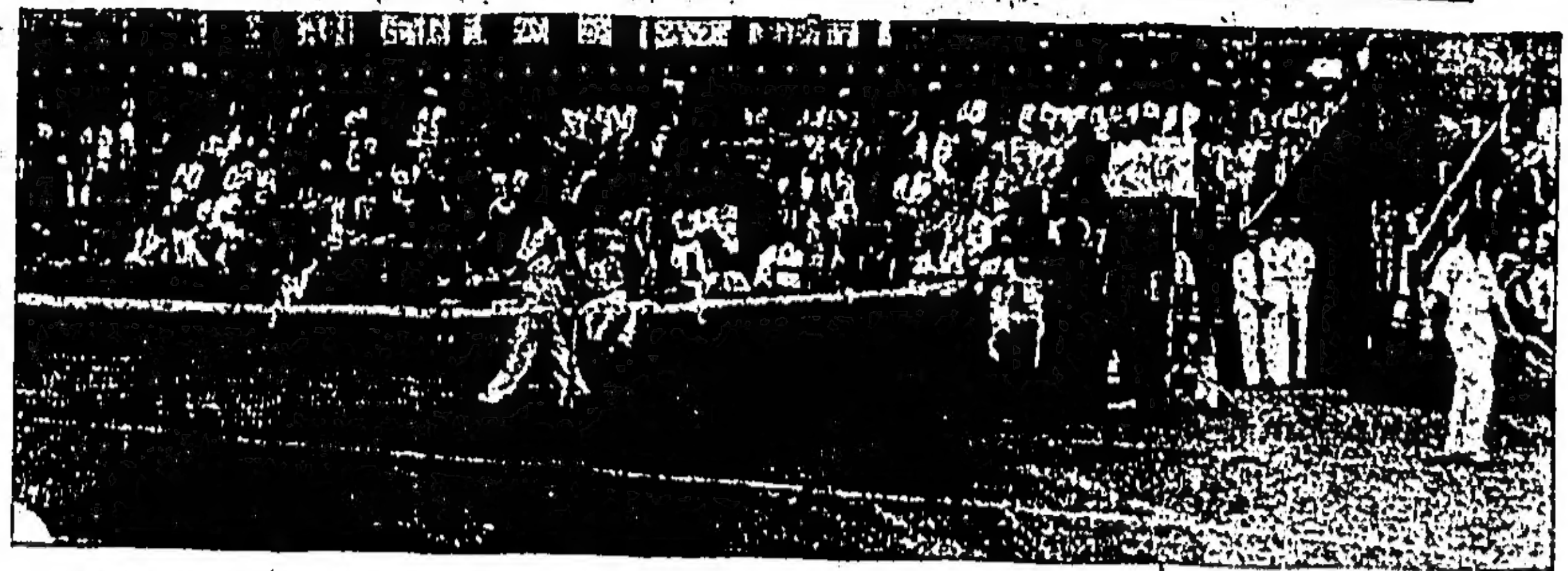
Only one first-class cricket match concluding yesterday failed to produce a definite decision and that was at Hove, where Sussex, after making the huge score of 462 for 9 dec., were unable to force a decision.

There were no surprise results, Lancashire, despite a fine century by Ben Barnet, of Gloucester, beat that County comfortably, whilst Surrey, thanks to the batting of Fishlock and Parker and the bowling of their speed merchant, Gover, won comfortably against Somerset. Ian Peebles, the new Middlesex skipper, celebrated his new office by taking 5 for 69 against Oxford University, whom Middlesex beat by 7 wickets.

Finest batting performance is credited to John Langridge, of Sussex, with 140, whilst easily the finest bowling feat was Phillipson's 7 for 18 against Gloucester for Lancashire.

At Gloucester, Lancashire beat Gloucestershire by 10 wickets. Gloucestershire—287 (Barnet 120) and 79 (Phillipson 7 for 18). Lancashire—308 and 89 for 0.

At Gillingham, Kent beat Essex by 116 runs. Kent—249 (Taylor 5 for 50, Nichols 4 for 89) and 182 (Ray Smith 5 for 27). Essex—109 (Watt 0 for 27) and 176 (Nichols 4 for 57).



THE STAND COURT—Where the Annual Tennis Tournament winds up this afternoon.

Tennis Tourney Concludes To-day

The annual tennis tournament at Hong Kong Cricket Club, concludes to-day with the final of the doubles event on the Stand Court.

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui, holders, will defend their title against Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing, whose appearance in the final upsets all calculations.



TSUI YAN-PUI—On view this afternoon.

This latter pair were responsible for one of the biggest upsets yet registered in the Open Tennis Championships when they beat the Rumjahn cousins in the semi-final over three hard fought sets.

Ho and Lee, probably the steadiest combination in the Colony, play a type of game calculated to upset the most polished pair—as the Rumjahns found to their cost.

Their forte is their ability to recover the most impossible shots and send back a stream of perfect lobs.

It would not be surprising if they succeed in breaking up the Tsuis' game this afternoon in which case they may carry the issue to the fifth set. If nothing else materialises, it will be interesting to see how aggressiveness will stand up to a policy of studied passive resistance.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Following this afternoon's game, the prizes won throughout the open and Club tournaments will be presented.

SANDER WINS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Playing in the final of the singles tennis championship of Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, W. Sander beat H. J. Armstrong 6-1, 6-0, 1-6, 6-1 before a handful of spectators.

Play reached a fair standard at times but the general all-round steadiness of Sander off the ground proved the deciding factor.

H. K. ELECTRIC'S TEAM

R. C. Butler, A. G. Gardner, H. S. McKay, and J. K. Sloan (skip). G. G. S. Thomson, W. E. Baker, G. T. Padgett, and L. de Rome (skip). J. R. Way, J. Roscoe, A. F. Paul, and W. H. B. Muskett (skip). Reserve—W. E. MacFarlane.

H. K. E. R. C.

R. C. Butler, A. G. Gardner, H. S. McKay, and J. K. Sloan (skip). G. G. S. Thomson, W. E. Baker, G. T. Padgett, and L. de Rome (skip). J. R. Way, J. Roscoe, A. F. Paul, and W. H. B. Muskett (skip).

At Oxford, Middlesex beat Oxford University by 7 wickets. Oxford—195 and 223 (Peebles 5 for 69). Middlesex—334 and 85 for 3.

At Hove, Sussex beat Hampshire on the first innings. Sussex—462 for 9 dec. (John Langridge 140) and 13 for 2. Hampshire—228 and 349 (Walker 107 not out).

At The Oval, Surrey beat Somerset by 6 wickets. Somerset—157 (Gover 7 for 38) and 339 for 9 dec. Surrey—300 (Parker 111 not out) and 198 for 4 (Fishlock 101).—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

The following first-class cricket matches commence to-day:— Lord's—Middlesex v Essex. Oval—Surrey v Worcestershire. Northampton—Northamptonshire v Hampshire. Hove—Sussex v Somerset. Liverpool—Lancashire v West Indies. Oxford—Oxford University v Derbyshire. Cambridge—Cambridge University v

Robert McLeod In Violin Recital From The Studio

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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano.

Paris In The Spring (film 'Paris Love Song'); Leave Me With A Love Song (Kennedy & Williams); I Once Had A Heart Marguerita (Connor & Schmitz); When My Dreamboat Comes Home (Friend & Franklin).

12.43 p.m.—The Ballyhooligans. Fox-Trots—Temptation Rag: Somebody Stole My Gal.

Favourite Favourites, No. 3 — Fox-Trot Medley. Intro: September in the Rain; Carelessly; Broken-hearted Clown; They can't take that away from me; Where is the Sun; Slap that Bass.

Bugle Call Rag—Fox-Trot.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Rudy Starita (Xylophone) and Orchestre Raymonde.

Dance Of The Merry Mascots (Ketelbey); Parade Of The City Guards (Jessel).... Orchestre Raymonde.

Dance Of The Raindrops (Evans).... Rudy Starita (Xylophone) with Piano and Saxophone.

Chanson D'Amour (Suk); By The Sleepy Lagoon (Eric Coates).... Orchestre Raymonde.

Joey The Clown (Myers); Rio De Janeiro (de Gredos).... Rudy Starita (Xylophone) with Orch.

Electric Girl (Helmburgh-Holmes); A Night On The Waves (Finnish Waltz) (Koskimaa).... Orchestre Raymonde.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.

Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—A Light French Programme with Lys Gauty and Albert Prejean. J'Aime Tes Grands Yeux (Tranchant and Bixio).... Lys Gauty (Vocal) with Orchestra.

Le Chaland Qui Passe (Bixio).... Albert Sandler & His Orchestra.

Signorina (French film 'Voyage de Noce').... Albert Prejean (Vocal) with Orchestra.

J'Attends Un Navire (Weill, Deval).... Lys Gauty (Vocal) with Orch.

Sous Les Toits De Paris (from the film).... De Groot & His Orch.

Toujours Content De Moi (French film 'Toto').... Si Vous Voyiez Celle Que J'Aime (French film 'Toto').... Albert Prejean (Vocal) with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—An Hour of Dance Music.

Slow Fox-Trot—When You Grow Up, Little Lady; Fox-Trot—East Of The Sun.... Lew Stone & His Band.

Fox-Trots—Dream Time; Lost.... Jay Wilbur & His Band.

Tango—Fireflowers.... Robert Renard Dance Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Everything You Do; All Alone In Vienna.... Billy Bissett & His Orchestra.

Rumbas—You've Got The Wrong Rumba (from 'This'll make you whistle'); Farewell, Sweet Senorita.... Don Miguel & His Cuban Music.

Waltz—The Greatest Mistake Of My Life; Fox-Trot—I Saw A Ship A-Sailing.... Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—So Many Memories; Waltz—Don't Forget The Old Folks At Home.... Billy Thorburn & His Music.

Fox-Trots—Have You Got Any Castles, Baby?; I Double Dare You.... Freddy Gardner & His Swing Orchestra.

Tangos—El Adios; Paciencia.... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trots—I Feel Like A Feather In The Breeze (film 'The Charm School'); Eeny Meeny Miney Mo (film 'To Beat the Band').... Johnny Johnson & His Orchestra.

7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections. "Bitter Sweet"—Vocal Gems (Noel Coward).... Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

"Porgy And Bess"—Selection (Gershwin).... Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans (Vocalists—Anne Ziegler and Webster Booth).

"Rose Marie"—Vocal Gems (Friml); "No, No Nanette"—Vocal Gems (Youmans).... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

"Venus In Silk"—Selection (Stolz).... Theatre Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—"At the Black Dog". Mr. Wikes at home in his own bar-parlour.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.08 p.m.—Robinson Cleaver (Organ) and Patricia Rossborough (Piano).

"Carefree"—Selection.

"That Certain Age"—Selection.

"Paris Honeymoon"—Selection.

Magyar Melody—Selection.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Concert by Robert McLeod (Violin) accompanied by Harry Boughton.

1. Allegro (Fiocco).

2. Marigold (Mayerl).

3. Slavonic Dance No. 1 (Dvorak).

4. Waltz in A Major (Brahms).

5. Phil the Fluter's Ball (French).

6. Slavonic Dance No. 2 (Dvorak—Kreisler).

7. Chinese Rhythm (C. & Cliff Heller).

8.45 p.m.—Songs by Herbert Groh (Tenor) & Lilian Harvey (Soprano). Love Song (Beece-Knorr).... Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Organ Accomp. by Marcel Falotti.

Leben Ohne Liebe, Waltz (Ufa Film 'Nie wieder Liebe').... Lilian Harvey (Soprano) with Orchestra.

To-day Is The Day (Schutze-Buch); Wine Waltz (Gross-Steidl).... Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orch.

Just Once For All Time (Ufa film 'Der Kongress tanzt').... Lilian Harvey, (Soprano) with Orch.

9 p.m.—London Relay—"Empire Exchange". Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.30 p.m.—Debroy Somers Band. Shipmates O' Mine—Descriptive Ballad (Lockton & O'Reilly).... with Raymond Newell, Norman Allin & Chorus.

Southern Memories (arr. Debroy Somers).... with Male Chorus.

9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 p.m.—Alfred Cortot (Piano) and Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

Papillons, Op. 2 (Schumann).... Alfred Cortot (Piano).

Der Einsame, Op. 41 (Schubert); Fruhlingsraum, Op. 89, No. 11 (Schubert).... Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.

10.10 p.m.—Brahms—Concerto No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 15. Artur Schnabel (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Georg Szell.

11 p.m.—Close down.



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♣ Q J 5 2

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♠ A K J 10 x x x
♥ x x x
♦ K x x
♣ x x x

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Jacoby	Maier
10	Pass	30	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer: 30)

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What's On At the Cinemas

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AT THE MAJESTIC—"Gateway", starring Arleen Whelan and Don Ameche. The former star, as the heroine, plays an active part in quelling a riot among deportees on Ellis Island.

AT THE CATHAY—"Spring Madness", with Maureen O'Sullivan and Lew Ayres in the leading roles, offers a new and sophisticated slant on the contemporary American college scene. The picture presents the problem of a boy and girl on the threshold of stepping from the campus into a broader world and faced with the difficulties of marriage on a small income.

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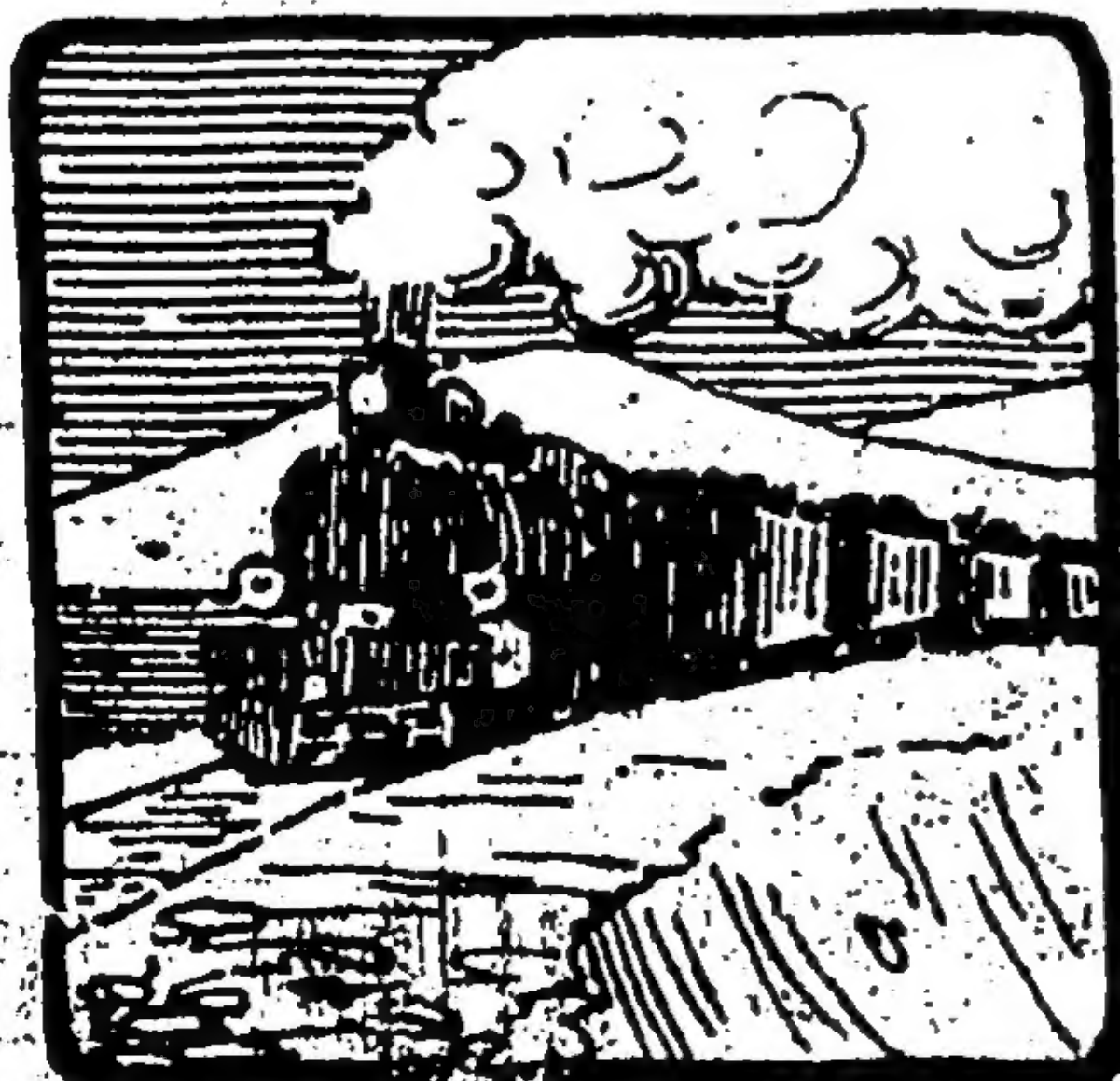
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Poland Not Ready To Talk About Danzig

London, To-day.

SIR Howard Kennard, the British Ambassador to London, was received by Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister yesterday, according to London reports.

Colonel Beck informed the British envoy of the note which the Polish Government had despatched that afternoon to England, France, and Sweden, members of the League of Nations committee for Danzig questions.

It is stated that in the note Poland expresses the opinion that the moment is not advisable for altering the status of the free city, or the sphere of competence of the High Commissioner.

Any changes in this direction might give rise to an "unwelcome revolution in Danzig."

NEW ELECTORAL LAWS FOR RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.

The Rumanian Government promulgated a new electoral law yesterday, at the same time announcing the date for the general election.

Members of the Lower House will be elected on July 1 and Senators on July 2.

The new electoral law marks a complete departure from the Parliamentary system which existed in Rumania up to the time when the present totalitarian system was begun.

There will be only one list of candidates.

The age limit of persons entitled to vote has been raised to 30. The voter must be able to read and write. Secrecy of voting is guaranteed.

There will be 258 members of the Chamber of Deputies and 88 Senators. — Trans-Ocean.

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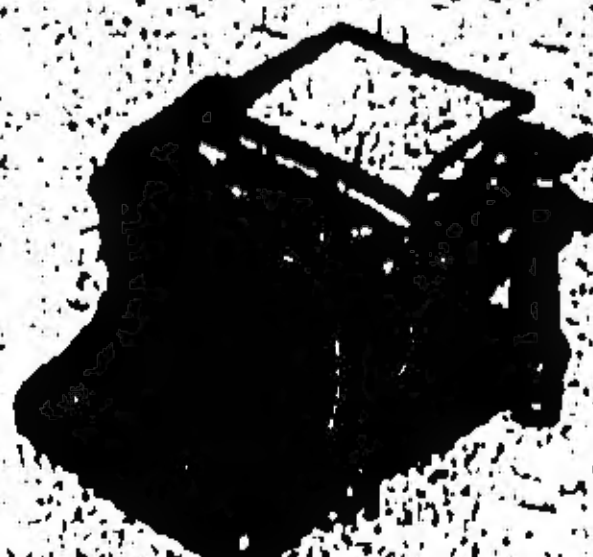
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